

## Aurora: Mono County's lost city

Once the Mono County seat, now a sage-shrouded phantom

By Lyra Pierotti  
For the Times

In 1861, the Wild West ruled with minimal manners, let alone laws. Men roamed the vast, barren landscape in search of riches, laying claims and settling disputes with their lead-and-gunpowder gavels.

Just a bumpy hour-long drive from Bridgeport is one such relic of Mono County's Wild West history, now practically anonymous under the dust, rubble, and sage ... of Nevada.

The double-timing booming mining city of Aurora was at one time the county seat for Mono County in California AND Esmeralda County in Nevada.

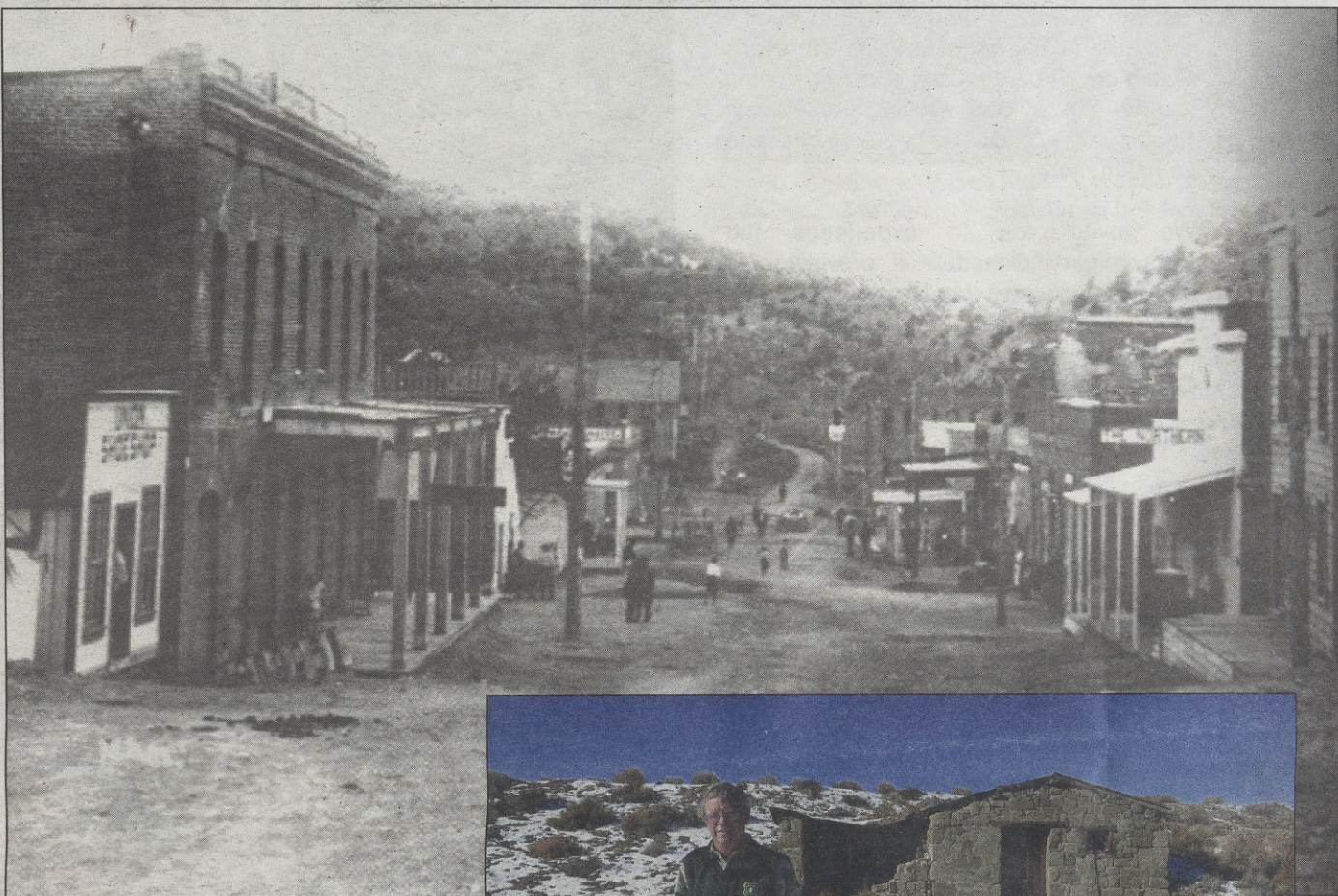
"The California Gold Rush really was over by 1855," said Sue Silver, assistant director of Mineral County Museum and author of "Aurora, Nevada's Silent City on the Hill."

Nevertheless, many still held the dream of striking it rich in gold and silver, venturing into harsh, unlikely, and unlawful places.

While Bodie is an icon of the west's mining history and a modern ghost town tourist attraction, Aurora sees more visits from government officials, academics, and history buffs.

Bodie, built of lumber hauled in from nearby sawmills, remains

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Above: Looking west down Pine Street in Aurora in 1910. Photo/Submitted • Right: Eric Dillingham, Bridgeport Ranger District Archaeologist, stands before a large dugout shelter at the Nine Mile Ranch on the road to Aurora. Aurora at one point used to be the county seat for both Mono County in California AND Esmeralda County in Nevada. Now it serves as a historical site, mostly visited by government officials, academics, and history buffs. Jump to page 28 for directions to this unusual and historic site. Photo/ Lyra Pierotti



## Supes tepid on Crowley fireworks funding

Town, ad hoc group skip discussion

By George Shirk  
Times Managing Editor

With next summer's July 4 Crowley Lake Fireworks show still hanging fire, the Mono County Board of Supervisors this past week took up a plea by Mammoth for \$5,000 in more financial help, and declared the idea a dud.

The supervisors did not slam the door on the request, but didn't exactly leave much of an opening, either.

"They (the town) are funding this program, and we ourselves fund it at least a couple of ways I know of," said Supervisor Larry Johnston, a Mammoth resident.

"We (the county) provide a lot of the traffic control, and I'd like to continue with that."

Johnston also said the county provides public works (roads) support as well.

Supervisor Tim Fesko, meanwhile, said Johnston was essentially arguing for a continuation of the status quo, and that he stood arm in arm with his fellow supervisor.

"Larry's suggestion was 'status quo,'

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## Death becomes him

Mono City man gets his burial plots ... sort of

By George Shirk  
Times Managing Editor

Gary Nelson doesn't exactly have one foot in the grave quite yet, but at least the Mono City resident can be somewhat assured that there will be a grave for him at Mono Lake when the Day of Reckoning arrives.

Responding to his 12-year quest to reserve a pair of burial plots at the Mono Lake Cemetery, the Mono County Board of Supervisors this past week sought to reduce the bureaucratic red tape that stood between the 61-

year-old Nelson and his preferences on a final resting place, six feet under.

Nelson, a heart-surgery survivor and longtime resident of Mono County, said he was mollified, but only to a point.

"It comes with a reserve of skepticism," he said after the supervisors seemed to have resolved the issue.

"Twelve years have happened, and the county is still coming up with a final map and then they have to put the legal framework in place."

At issue was whether the county actually had a record of his reservation of a pair of burial plots, which he said he made 12 years ago.

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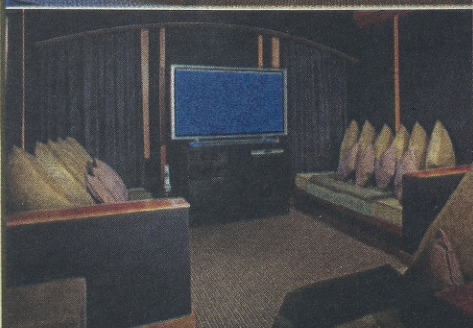
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# What's up, up here?

News snippets from here and there...

By Mammoth Times Staff

**Byng Hunt** says he's still on the fence about running again for a Board of Supervisors seat. "It depends on who else will run," says the four-term supe. No active campaigning yet, but it's getting to be **not much of a secret** that former Mammoth Town Council member **Kirk Stapp**, and **Stacey Corless**, formerly of the Friends of the Inyo and current director of the **Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation**, are testing the political temperature. ...

Speaking of **The Huntsman**, (cheesy, huh?) this past Tuesday was his last meeting as **Board Chairman**, with **Larry Johnston** waiting in the wings to take over the center chair, although it will take a vote for formality's sake. The real question is, who will be vice-chair? **Fred Stump**, **Tim Fesko** and **Tim Alpers** all joined the board at the same time. ...

The **Big Fish**, by the way, had what he hopes will be the **last surgery** on his eye, and we're hoping he's right. The **Docs in Sacto** took care of our Supe. ...

Mammoth's long-time local **Don Rake** was featured in an article published in the most **current issue** of **Ski Journal**. Writer **Dick Dorworth** writes a nice little profile on the **84-year-old man** who helped built Mammoth Mountain with **Dave McCoy**. ...

Happy Birthday this week to **Anita Hatter**, **Michael Raimondo**, **Corinne Brown**, **Lily Michelin Rosenthal**, **Steve Black**, **Bonnie Colgan** and—oh yeah—**Rusty Gregory**. ...

Celebrity sighting! Actor **Luke Wilson** spent the weekend in Mammoth drinking at **The Tap** and skiing on the hill. ...

**Katie McWilliams** is gone and we hope not for forever. Her farewell FB Post: "From **Utah** to **Alaska** to **California**, the past seven years in the mountains have been a **maximum amount of fun**. Now it's **back to Georgia** with the **man I love**. Here's to the next chapter!" We wish her nothing but the best and will miss her dearly. ...

Swell, swell, swell time of it at **June Mountain** last weekend. Finally, **Bucky the Deer** is more than a drawing. Go Bucky! ...

Mammoth **Interim Town Manager Dan Holler** was the **Opening Bell Ringer** as the **Salvation Army** set up shop outside **Vons** on Monday. Tallest bell-ringer we've had in years. **Dan Watson**, then **Stuart Brown**, completing the male body shapes, followed him. ...

**Spellbinder Books** of Bishop's **14th annual ICARE Shopping Day** on Dec. 14 was an outstanding suc-

cess, according to **Lisa Schade**.

**Seventy-seven shoppers** purchased \$5 coupons with proceeds totaling **\$385**. Coupons shown at the register resulted in a 20 percent to 25 percent discount on purchases made that day. Additional donations of **\$3,315** were added to the coupon revenue for a **grand total raised in the amount of \$3,700**. All proceeds are going directly to the "**Raise the Roof—a Cause for Paws**" fund to build a new **Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center** in **Big Pine**. ...

This is a first: On Dec. 21, **Organic Pastures Dairy** will have its **inaugural flight** to Mammoth to deliver **fresh raw milk**. **Mark McAfee**, the CEO of Organic Pastures Dairy located near **Fresno**, will be taking off from his **farm airstrip** in his **TB 20 Trinidad airplane** loaded with Organic Pastures Raw Dairy products. ...

Just for the heck of it: **Bitcoins**. ... The **Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce** will be partnering with **David S. Baumwohl, APC** and **Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones & Feingold, LLP**, to hold the second **Employment Law Seminar** sometime in January. More deets to come. ...

If you haven't bought your tree yet, **Mammoth High School Boosters** is once again selling **Christmas trees** in the **Vons** parking lot. Sales run through Christmas Eve. MHS students, parents, coaches, and school organization leaders staff it and all proceeds benefit MHS athletic programs, clubs, and organizations such as **National Honor Society** and band. ...

How cold was it at the **Sierra Center Mall's** Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday? At the start it was **borderline Arctic**. Part of the problem was that the air conditioning was on, fan humming away, and no one could quite figure out how to turn it off. "They're trying to give us the illusion that it's **winter!**" quipped one waggish Supe. On the other hand, the elevators didn't work (again), so the Supes at least got their blood flowing with some **old-fashioned stair stepping**. ...

It was all **holiday spirit** among the Mono legislators, with the **board members** all in Christmas ties, cookies and pies on the table and bottles of (unopened) wine at each station. Tradition and alla that. ...

Supe **Fred Stump**, wearing a tie with snowmen on it, allowed as to how he also has a tie with various representations of **Goofy** on it, and that maybe he might want to wear it more often. ...

Mono County CAO **Jim Leddy**, when he first got here six months ago, says he created a nickname, "**Marshall Tito**," for county attor-



Eastern Sierra Guide Puppies visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at Dwayne's Pharmacy in Bishop. From left are Leigh Gaasch of Mammoth Lakes with Filbert, Nona Davis of Bishop with Eiger, and Anne Parkes of Mammoth Lakes with Javier. Photo/Submitted

ney **Marshall Rudolph**. "But then," Leddy said, "I realized I was calling him a **Communist dictator**, so I just changed it to 'Tito,' and now he calls me 'Jermaine' to keep in the **Jackson Five**." ...

Out of the blue, **Tim Fesko** used some of his time Tuesday to remind everyone within earshot that next August is a "**Five Pockets Full**" month, with five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays. That happens only **once every 823 years**. It occurs to us that by the time the next Five Pockets

Full month happens again, the **sage grouse comment period** ought to be close to resolution. ...

And finally, **The Mono Council for the Arts Holiday Art Festival** once more holds forth this season inside **Minaret Mall (Vons)**. Local artists present their work between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. beginning this Saturday, Dec. 21, through Jan. 5. **BONUS:** Stop by the **Gallery** for a glass of wine and cookies. That event is **still groovy**, after all these years.

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### Holiday Food Drive

**What:** Vons' Help Us End Hunger food drive. Vons will offer the opportunity to purchase a \$10 pre-packaged bag of groceries, which will be donated to IMACA.

**Where:** Vons

**When:** Through Dec. 25

### "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some)"

**What:** Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre in cooperation with Mammoth Lakes Foundation presents this family friendly Christmas show that is laugh-out-loud funny.

**Where:** Edison Theatre, 100 College Parkway

**When:** Dec. 19-22 Thursday-Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 4 p.m.

**Contact:** EdisonTheatre.org or 760-934-6592

### Eastern Sierra Legal Assistance Program

**What:** Eastern Sierra Legal Assistance Program (ESLAP) provides free legal help to low-income residents of Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties.

**Where:** 873 North Main Street, Suite 120, Bishop

**When:** Walk-in hours are Monday - Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Contact:** 760-873-3581 or 800-736-3582

### Holiday Art Festival

**What:** Mono Council for the Arts invites you to the Holiday Art Festival where local artists present their work in a magical setting. Please stop by the gallery for a glass of wine and cookies while you view the beautiful artwork of Eastern Sierra artists.

**Where:** Minaret Mall next to Vons

**When:** December 21 through January 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Canyon and Eagle Lodge Opening Weekend

**What:** Canyon Lodge and Eagle lodge are open for the season!

**When:** Wednesday, December 18 through Sunday December 22

### Greg Stump's Legend of Ahhh's

**What:** Mammoth Jazz. \$10 at the door.

**Where:** Mammoth Lakes Arts Center across from the police station

**When:** December 26 - 28 at 8 p.m.

**When:** 7 p.m.

**Contact:** Lynn at 760-937-7736

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

### Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center Annual Fundraiser

**What:** Annual fundraiser for ESAC featuring a presentation by Kit Deslauriers on skiing the Seven Summits. There will be a huge raffle and silent auction. There will also be free daytime avalanche seminars at Mammoth Mountain.

**Where:** Eagle Lodge

**When:** Doors open at 6 p.m.

### "Poetry Out Loud"

**What:** Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre in cooperation with Mammoth Lakes Foundation presents this high school competition of poetry recitation for the County spot in the State competition.

**Where:** Edison Theatre, 100 College Parkway (across from Cerro Coso College)

**When:** Sat. at 7 p.m.

**Contact:** FREE! For more info 760-934-6592

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

### Eastern Sierra Photographer's Club Meeting

**What:** Photographers share their current works, share the latest in photo techniques, talk about new and exciting areas to photograph, plan outings and are there to help newer photographers expand their knowledge of using their photographic equipment and creative abilities. The public is always welcome to attend the meetings.

**Where:** Northern Inyo Hospital Annex building at 2957 Birch Street

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## POLICE BLOTTER

### Theft

A 20-year-old Mammoth man reported that someone had stolen a bike he stored in his garage and several other items, including a laptop, from his room sometime before Dec. 7, when the man reported the theft through an online report process, Mammoth Lakes Police said. The total cost of the stolen items exceeded \$400 and police are investigating the theft.

### Animal fight

Mammoth Hospital reported a dog bite to the Mammoth Lakes Police on Dec. 9 after a 24-year-old Mammoth woman went to the hospital after she was bitten trying to break up a dog fight. She was walking a friend's dog on Sierra Nevada Road when the friend's dog and another dog got into a fight, the woman was bit on a middle finger trying to break up the fight, police said.

### Illegal drugs

Two Mammoth school boys, one 17 years old and the other 14 years old, were cited individually for possession of less than 28.5 grams of marijuana on Dec. 10, police said.

### Delinquency of a minor

Police are investigating an incident that occurred on Dec. 11 in which a Mammoth school student told police the student was afraid to go home, due to a problem with the student's mother and mother's boyfriend, police said. Police said they are monitoring the situation and the incident has been referred to Child Protective Services.

### Vandalism

Someone slashed the tires and scarred the side of a 24-year-old Mammoth man's car around 3 a.m. on Dec. 11, police said. The car was parked on Chaparral Road. The suspect is a 29-year-old Mammoth man and unknown to the victim, police said.

### Contempt of court

A 26-year-old Mammoth woman contacted police last week to report that another Mammoth woman, 30, had violated a civil restraining order filed by the younger woman, police said. The younger woman told police that when she went to her child's paternal grandmother's home in Mammoth Lakes on Dec. 14 at about 8:45 a.m. to drop off the child, the older woman came out of the house and began screaming at her. The younger woman then drove off and reported the incident to police, police said.



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# Mostly dry weather expected to persist 'til end of month



Crowley Lake after the first big storm of the season. Weather officials are predicting a dry spell until at least the end of December, if not longer. Although a few storms are headed to the Eastern Sierra in the coming weeks, officials say they will bring snowfall measured in inches, not feet. Photo/Wendilyn Grasseschi

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## 'It's as bad as it can get,' says Mammoth's weather guru, Howard Sheckter

By Wendilyn Grasseschi  
Times Staff Writer

It's hard to put a damper on Mammoth's amateur weather forecaster Howard Sheckter's optimism when it comes to winter weather, but the forecast for the next few weeks might have done so.

"It's not good, it's horrible," he said. "It's as bad as it can get by this time of year."

He is not talking just about the Christmas and New Year's Eve holiday weeks, either.

"The continents have cooled off now, and the oceans are ruling the weather," he said. "The problem is, there is nothing out there to bring in the moisture. Without an El Niño or La Niña, there is no bias, it's neutral. 'La Nada' as I call it. Now the National Weather Service has released its latest Drought Statement (last week) for the next few months and it's calling for the current pattern to persist."

The problem is the current pattern is one of dryness, he said, and that is the pattern the NWS believes is most likely to persist in California and much of the west, at least into the middle of January.

The closest analogy he sees historically is to the winter of 1990-91, where the winter remained dry until the end of February, then the floodgates turned on for a "Miracle March."

That might recharge the snowpack and reservoirs, but in a ski town, timing is everything and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area's peak visitor season begins this weekend and slowly tapers off after Presidents Weekend.

"Another problem is all the systems are going from north to south, not west to east," he said.

A west/east direction increases the chances of moisture because it comes in over the ocean, unlike a north/south direction, where the storm travels over mostly dry land.

"No one can say for sure what will happen but I can say for certain it won't break significantly before the end of the year," he said.

The NWS agreed.

"Looking beyond, the overall dry pattern will likely persist through the end of the month if not longer," wrote the Reno NWS Wednesday afternoon.

"The Arctic Oscillation is forecast to remain strongly positive for the next 10 days, and possibly beyond. This would likely keep some ridging near the coast with the storm track remaining well north."

It's not to say there will not be any snow in the next few weeks. There are several small systems in the forecast that will bring some snow in the next week or so, with one around Christmas Eve and another around the end of the year.

However, they will likely measure snow in inches, not feet, Sheckter said.

After that, there might be a few storms that drop several feet toward the middle to end of January, he said.

Then, according to the NWS, patterns in February are pointing toward February being drier than January, with possible relief late in February.

The prognosis for the winter didn't start off so glum, as Sheckter has said in previous interviews.

Earlier this fall, the jury was still out in terms of whether the winter would be an average winter or below average winter, although all along, there had been little chance of a wetter than normal winter.

But by December, Sheckter said, the forecasts "settle down" and become more accurate.

At this point, the accuracy for longer term projections is much better than it was in the fall.

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# Ask a professional

## REAL ESTATE



**Sonja Bush**  
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**Q** We are considering buying a vacation home. What should we consider before making the final decision?

**A** There are several things to consider when shopping for a vacation or second home. The following list is a good place to start.

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- Do make a budget and consider your finances before shopping for property.
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- Do visit the property more than once – visit at different seasons, winter/summer, daytime/nighttime. If you cannot visit during each season, ask for photos.
- Do consider resale value, even if you don't think you will ever sell.

### The Don'ts of Buying a Vacation or Resort Home

- Don't give in to your emotions before you are 100 percent certain this property will be the destination for your future vacations.
- Don't drain your retirement accounts to purchase a second home or vacation home.
- Don't hire your primary residence real estate agent if they don't have any specific knowledge of vacation home sales in the area you are looking to purchase.
- Don't buy a property on the first visit or while on vacation to the resort community. Make it a sound business decision, not one based on your emotions – see the first Don't.

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George and Fido. Photo/Jesse Barlet

## Fido & Me Jail

By George and Fido  
Mammoth Times Staff

"I don't like this. I don't like this at all. Something is very, very wrong about this."

"Fido, my good man, your pattern has always been to be skeptical of anything that's out of the ordinary."

"But this is just not right."

"Fido, it's called a 'dog pen,' and it will take no time at all before you'll really like it."

"It looks like jail to me."

"Oh, Fido, get a grip. It is certainly not a jail. Jails are for creatures who do things that are illegal, illicit, and just plain wrong. Sometimes, we have to lock them up. Both humans and dogs."

"I didn't do anything wrong."

"That is exactly my point. This wire thing is big, it folds up, it does not have a roof and it means I can take you places where you might not have been welcome before."

"Such as?"

"Such as other humans' homes, for one thing. If we went Down South, for example, but our hosts were nervous about leaving you in their home alone while we were cavorting out on the town, for example, we could just unfold your handy-dandy dog pen and leave you home, comfortable as a pig in a blanket."

"I am not a pig."

"Fido, you are suffering topic drift. This isn't about pigs. It's about giving you a safe place, with lots of room, while making the humans comfortable, too. It's a win-win."

"I hate that expression."

"Gosh, Fido, stay on point, OK?"

"I am not a pointer, either. Not English, German or otherwise. I am a mutt, and proud about it."

"Well, then, this is exactly what I'm talking about, you Big Red Lug. This fold-up wire pen will give you your

own space to do in as you please, mutt-related or not."

"I still don't like it."

"There is another thing. That is, we are in the time of the season when the temperatures can be really, really cold. Remember a couple of weeks ago, when the thermometer dropped below zero? Even you, with your double coat, said you were colder than a brass monkey."

"I do not remember."

"Yes, you do. I took you to Bridgeport one day and had to leave you in the car, because the Board of Supervisors do not allow dogs in their big, fancy, warm meeting room. And remember what you said when I got back?"

"Not really. I am a dog. I remember where my food bowl is, and where my water bowl is, and what my name is, but not much more than that. Oh, and I remember that long, lazy, summer night with Muffy."

"Fido, I don't even want to know about you and Muffy. Trust me on this."

"OK, let's take a look at this jail thing, then."

"Step right in! Remember, it's NOT a jail. It's a 'dog pen,' like I just said. Would you rather have a crate?"

"A what? A CRATE?!?!?"

"Crates have solid sidewalls, with plenty of openings cut into the sides and roof so you don't get all stuffy, and they have a front door, too, just like your new dog pen. Many dogs love them. Many humans like them, too. But they're a bit more confining, in my opinion."

"So, where did this dog pen come from, anyway?"

"A very nice man brought it to us."

"The big guy? The one with the uniform?"

"Yes, Fido."

"So it IS a jail!"

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## Our View

## Christmas wish list

The tree is trimmed and stockings are hung on the mantle with care.

It is Christmas in Mammoth—one of our most very favorite times of the year, and yes, we have sent to The Big Man our list of things we'd like to see under the Tannenbaum.

The Big Man, in this case, is Santa Claus, not Bill Sauser; the tree itself is a pinyon pine, a species of evergreen directly related to the (supposedly) disappearing habitat of the local sage grouse, which is another issue for another day.

We don't think Santa Claus would object if we shared our wish list with our readers. If he did, we'd demote him to a Subordinate Clause, perish the thought, and move on to Groundhog Day without another moment's thought.

And so we begin.

First under the tree would be at least three wildly different packages, each containing a candidate for Town Council. We ask for this every couple of years, and we hate to say we keep getting the same-old same-old; that is, if we get any candidates at all.

This year, we'd like them younger, with great vision, a genuine emotional and intellectual investment in the town, and so on.

We are not hopeful.

We'd also like to see a new pair (or more!) of extremely capable candidates for the Mono County Board of Supervisors. Well, it IS a "wish list," after all.

But wait, Santa, there's more. Much more.

We want that new lodge at the base of Chair 15/Eagle Express. We keep hearing it's on its way, but we have seen neither hide nor hair of the beast yet. We want a Land Swap at Main Lodge, too, so the Red-Headed One and his crew can build a new hotel that doesn't flood during sub-zero cold snaps and a lodge that does not resemble an East German Bureau. And we'd like to have a Main Lodge without that weird, peculiar smell.

We want another cop (or two, or three) for the MLPD; a carved-in-stone revision of DIF structures; and an agreement that single-family homes may be rented, with certain restrictions attached.

We'd like ties and jackets for the schlumpy male members of the Town Council; ditto for the Recreation Commission and the Planning and Economic Development Commission; as well as a new name for the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Coordinating Committee (PLEASE!).

We would like to have the promise of a fireworks show on the Fourth of July. At Crowley Lake. Anywhere else is lame.

We'd want a Locals Pass to the ski area, based on the "Fly Steamboat Merchant Pass Program," OK? We want the Mammoth Lakes Trails System (and website) to flourish under the care of a person or entity that won't let it go to the wayside after so much work and effort; we want homes for all the dogs, cats and critters in the shelters.

We want sidewalks that are plowed; we want our Olympians safe and sound, and to bring home Russian hardware in the shape of medals; we ask Santa to please help the Young Professionals Group to become a more vocal, political entity.

We want Mammoth to become a biathlon hub, complete with a range and an active club; we want a community garden; we'd like permission to tear down the strip malls; we want our bears to survive the winter, we want customer service.

We'd want to see Digital 395 attract new businesses and national corporations, and more businesses like Community Skis, Eastern Sierra Armory, and Mammoth Brewery Company—businesses that create unique and awesome products locally and distribute them nationally and globally.

Finally we'd like some snow.

And more snow.

Repeat: We'd like SNOW.

## Letters

## Happy holidays

It is that time of year again to reflect and be grateful for all we have, and to remember friends and those we have lost.

It is time to say goodbye to another year and welcome in a new one, and I would like to wish every one in the Eastern Sierra Guide Puppies (Puppy raisers and volunteers for the Guide Dogs For The Blind) a Merry Christmas and a Happy

New Year.

I would also like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to ALL the businesses in Mammoth Lakes and Bishop that allow the Eastern Sierra guide puppies in their stores and restaurants.

It helps to socialize these wonderful dogs that will some day in the future help change the lives of a visually impaired person and

help them continue their journey in life.

Each one of you is a part of the process in training these wonderful dogs.

As they say, it takes a community to raise a guide dog.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank every one for your kindness and may your holidays be full of joy, peace, and happiness.

**Leigh Gaasch**  
Mammoth Lakes

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# 'Mammoth Lakes Recreation' begins to take form

**Committee finally talks money, responsibilities**

**By George Shirk**  
Times Managing Editor

The committee in charge of giving shape to a third-party recreation entity—Mammoth Lakes Recreation—finally put some meat on the bones of its proposal this past week.

Meeting with moderators from Lake Tahoe's Strategic Marketing Group, the 13-member committee, with representatives of the major recreation and tourism groups at the table, used its sixth and penultimate meeting to discuss what kind of a final proposal to send to the Town Council for debate.

"It's really about if we want an 'MLR Full' or an 'MLR Lite,'" said Interim Town Manager Dan Holler. "My sense of it is that we'll go somewhere in the middle."

Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) is a proposal to create a non-governmental organization to manage some—but not all—of Mammoth's recreation.

The town already has a so-called NGO in the form of Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Mammoth Lakes

Housing, and the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, so the creation of such an entity is not an entirely new process, committee members said.

In this case, one of the major issues is how to manage long-range capital projects, such as the construction of a public arts facility and a public recreation/aquatic center.

Left open still is what responsibilities the town itself would continue, such as management of sports such as soccer, to summer camps such as camping and wilderness training, and to the administration of Measure R and Measure U tax funds.

Complicating the issue is a lack of performance indices that would measure the success of an MLR, unlike indexed models such as tourism (TOT revenue, enplanements at the airport, for example), transit (ridership numbers), or in housing (units sold or rented).

With that in mind, the committee nevertheless forged ahead on Monday, Dec. 16, in a marathon session aimed toward giving shape to MLR.

In an "MLR Full" scenario, the new agency would take on recreation programming aimed at improving amenities for both residents and visitors alike, while also taking on the responsibilities of leveraging existing funds, such as in the sale of bonds.

An "MLR Lite" scenario would focus solely on managing funds aimed for the construction of large capital projects.

In last Monday's meeting, the committee settled on a flexible set of strategies that MLR might take on.

These included forming partnerships in and out of the community; new product development; innovation in existing programs and projects, leverage funding for both capital and non-capital projects; development of destination and elite recreation, and, finally, creating new programs and figure out a way to execute the plans.

Currently, the town's recreation department has been able to execute some of the items in the long-range plans.

However, day-to-day staff responsibilities, with a drastically reduced staff, have made the longer range well beyond the practical horizon.

The committee, meeting in Suite Z of the Town Offices, also looked at four funding scenarios, but held off on recommending any of them, pending the group's next meeting in January.

If all goes according to schedule, Holler said, the Council and public would get a first look at a fleshed-out proposal by mid-February.

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## Mammoth doctors hope lessons learned in Philippines go worldwide

**Dr. Mike Karch pushes for paradigm shift in medical response to disasters**

**By Wendilyn Grasseschi**  
Times Staff writer

Mammoth Hospital orthopedic surgeon Mike Karch, general surgeon Dr. Rich Koehler, and a group of Mammoth medical staff were the first medical team on the scene of the Super Typhoon Haiyan disaster in the Philippines last month and they are now hoping to take what they learned to a national level.

Karch's intent, he said, is to take the concept of a first responder, ci-

vilian medical team (like the Mammoth Medical Missions group Karch headed in the Philippines) to other disasters, bypassing the usual security and other logistical problems and issues that often keep such teams out of disaster areas for as long as three days, thereby losing critical hours that could be used to save more lives.

"I think we proved that our presence there actually deterred problems. [It] deterred looting and we believe the concept that after a disaster, mass looting and chaos is inevitable is in error," he said.

"What we saw was the opposite. We saw people wanting to help, wanting to come together. We believe we provided a stabilizing effect and we were able to help people when it was most needed."

Karch and Koehler are submitting the concept to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery Extrem-

ity War Injury seminar in Washington, D.C., this coming February and Karch said he seeks nothing less than a transformation in the world-wide concept of how to practice emergency medicine in a non-war time mass casualty incident.

"We are coining the term Civilian Mobile Forward Surgical Team (CMFST) and we suggest nothing short of a paradigm shift in the first 100 hours of disaster relief, utilizing CMFST groups specifically trained in mass casualty/disaster medicine," he said.

There is a model for such a concept, he said, as the military already does something similar.

"A critical role exists for rapidly deployable, self-sustained, civilian mobile forward surgical teams analogous to the model previously established by the United States military for combat operations," he writes in a draft of the paper that he will present

in February in Washington, D.C.

"This team must be highly organized, disciplined, physically fit, accustomed to working under adverse conditions in austere environments outside the norms of professional comfort zones, creative with regards to limited resources, and formally trained in Mass Casualty medicine."

He said he has plans for training, too.

For the past two years, Karch has been training local doctors, surgeons, and other medical and emergency responders for possible mass casualty events at a local level.

Now he is applying to the University of Nevada to get the course certified so that medical staff from across the country can attend and receive "continuing medical education" credits for the training, he said.

"This will open up the course to a lot more people," he said.

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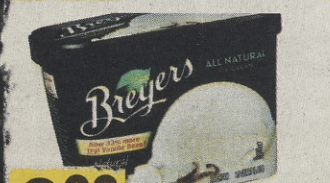
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# Vaping trend catches local youth



Electronic cigarettes, made to look like the real thing, are popping up on local school campuses. With no smoke or smell, it's hard for school officials to detect and confiscate them. Photo/Jesse Barlet

**Accessible and discrete, electronic cigarettes likely to pose problems**

**By Lyra Pierotti**  
For the Times

A dead smoker is not a smoker any more.

In the 1950s, studies started to indicate that smoking increased risk of things like heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer, said Nancy Mahannah, Public Health Nurse for Mono County.

"Vaping," she said, was born out of the tobacco industry's attempt to make a product that did not contain smoke but could still promote a nicotine addiction.

While smoke itself has been the main culprit in health issues associated with smoking, research is limited on vaping. It is, as of yet, too new to know the long-term effects.

Electronic cigarettes are battery-powered devices, some made to look like cigarettes, complete with a red light-up tip, and others made to look like a pen. They contain no smoke, and instead vaporize a mixture of nicotine that the user inhales.

Research has shown that smoking quit rates with electronic cigarettes are on par with the nicotine patch.

Some of these devices, also referred to as vapor pens, have an empty cartridge that can be loaded with whatever the user wants to vaporize. This might include flavors, or various controlled substances.

These vapor pens look like a colorful pen a student might use to write with in class.

The vapor exhaled when "vaping" also evaporates quickly, and the smell doesn't linger or stick to clothing as it does with traditional cigarettes.

"It's like breathing when it's cold out," said Chris Powell, Mammoth High School's interim principal.

For these reasons, vaping can be difficult to detect at the schools.

"It's something that we're keeping an eye on," Powell said.

There have been two confirmed incidents on the high school campus, he said.

It doesn't matter what type a student has, said Andrew Lehr, School Resource Officer from Mammoth Lakes Police Department, kids caught with them get suspended.

While stores only sell electronic cigarettes to adults over the age of 18, vapor pens are easily found online.

Ebay, for example, states that bidders and buyers must be over the age of 18, however they verify that, and that since the product does not contain nicotine or tobacco, it is in compliance with Ebay's listing policies.

"I believe it is going to be an increasing issue," Lehr said.

Last year, there were no documented instances of vaping at the high school, Powell said, but this year so far there have been two.

Mammoth Mountain has also had people "light up" electronic cigarettes on

the premises, said Bill Erb, the Mountain's health and safety manager, but the guests have usually responded respectfully when employees ask them to take it elsewhere.

"Out-of-towners bring behaviors we don't usually see here," said Mahannah.

While electronic cigarettes have been around for as much as five years, "up here, we are late-adapters," she said.

For example, kids around town were sagging long after it had become un-cool elsewhere, she said with a laugh.

Over the years, smoking has lost much of its allure.

Mammoth Mountain voluntarily increased California's ban on smoking within 20 feet of the entrance or operable window of a public building to 50 feet.

"So many kids and adults go in and out of the doors," said Erb, "fifty feet was a distance that got [smokers] away from the doorways."

"Plus," he said, "the wind blows and it tends to blow the smoke, no matter what, right back into the building."

Smoking is not allowed in common areas (as per a town ordinance) or lift lines, Erb said, and is discouraged on the lifts themselves, though there are no laws for that.

Mammoth Mountain also offers employees access to a stop-smoking program, and prohibits them from smoking in uniform, as the smell tends to stick and linger on clothing, he said.

Footloose Sports also made the jump to 50 feet some years ago—and at some point someone scratched extra numbers in so the sign now reads 1,500 feet.

When Mahannah was a nurse at UCLA, she said she saw a lot of people suffocate from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or emphysema, primarily caused by tobacco smoke.

"You can relieve pain," she said, "but you can't breathe for them."

Adolescents are programmed to have more risk-taking behavior, Mahannah said.

"Kids are at an age where they're breaking out, trying new things."

And the flavored e-cigarettes and tobacco products are more appealing to youth, she said.

Right now, marijuana use is way up at the schools, Lehr said. Currently, that's their bigger issue.

Things just go in waves, he said.

"Right now, it's cool to smoke weed and be an idiot."

Overall, Lehr said he has seen a big increase in drugs because there is not enough law enforcement in town.

After the MLPD staff was cut by 41 percent earlier this year, he said, his time spent in the schools has been reduced from five days per week to three.

Not all hope is dashed, however.

"One of the differences in this town versus other places is that law enforcement, health and human services, the schools, even businesses all collaborate very well," Mahannah said.

"We like each other," she said. It's just the social norm.

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# In times of trouble, hamsters to the rescue

## Ham radio operators fill critical void in emergency

By Wendilyn Grasseschi  
Times Staff Writer

It was a bitter winter morning and his hands were freezing, but former Mammoth Lakes Police Department officer Paul Dostie was in his element.

One hand on a radio handset, another on a yellow legal pad, the sounds of a Vietnamese pop song came across his ham radio from thousands of miles away, tinny and scratchy in the background, he listened intently as orders from Mammoth Hospital came in over the wire.

"We are in lockdown," came the message. "Only family members will be allowed in. All people must check in to the front desk."

He took the message down carefully, word for word, and then sent it winging south toward Northern Inyo Hospital where one of his fellow amateur ham radio operators received it and then hand delivered the message to waiting doctors and nurses.

A few minutes later, another message came through, more urgent this time.

"Symptoms to seek medical treatment for: Severe dehydration, light-

headedness, sudden blood loss."

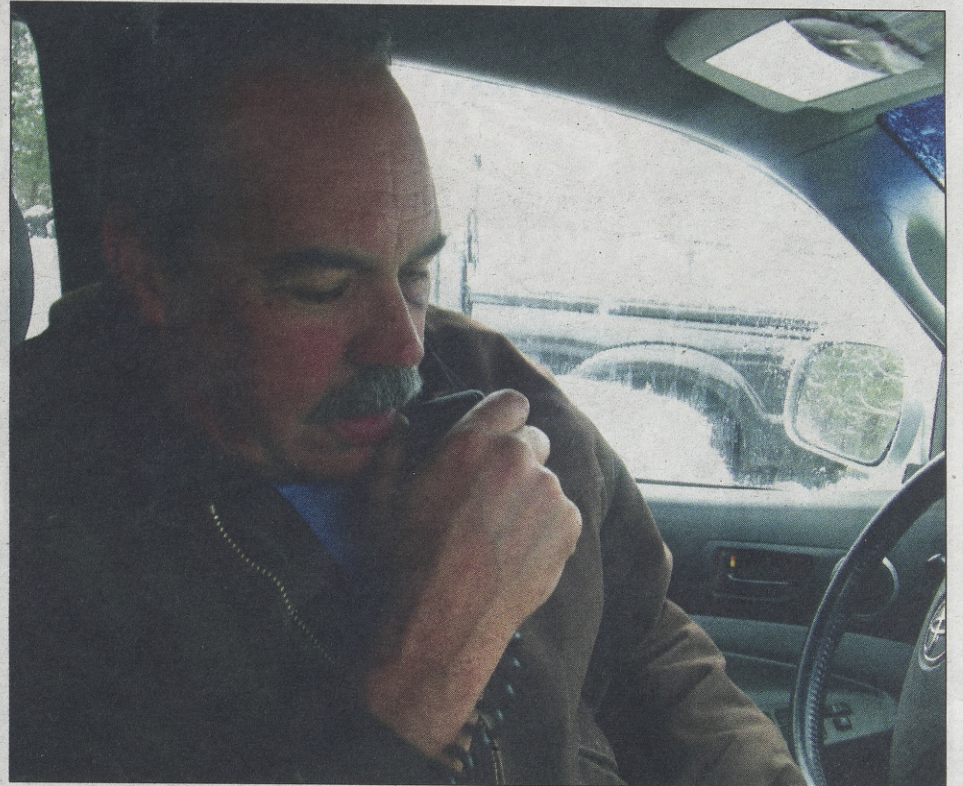
Soon after came the detailed instructions on what to do next and again, he wrote it down, then sent the new message south to Inyo County.

In the background, on the back seat of the truck, the big ham radio he's owned and operated for years hummed and crackled, powered by gasoline, unhinged and free from the all-too-fragile modern communications world that is powered by electricity and cell towers, land lines and broadband fiber optic cables.

It was Nov. 21 and although this was only this year's annual state-wide test of the state's emergency preparedness in case of a massive disaster, Dostie knew the radio waves ham radio operators use can get the word out when nothing else is working, serving as a critical yet rarely used link in a fragile communication system that has become increasingly vulnerable to disruption, even as it becomes increasingly sophisticated.

"The first time ham radio was used was in World War II," Dostie said. "It was a way to avoid the problems of terrain, like hills, that were blocking other radio signals. Ham radio waves are able to bounce up and hit the ionosphere, then drop back down like an umbrella to the ground."

The ham radio's primitive technology also makes it relatively easy to



Former Mammoth Lakes Police officer Paul Dostie works his ham radio during an emergency preparedness exercise in late November. Dostie and his group of amateur ham radio enthusiasts joined the statewide exercise for the first time, with the intent in the future to provide a source of reliable communication when cell towers, fiber optics and all other communication systems fail. Photo/Wendilyn Grasseschi

troubleshoot and fix, something he found himself doing on that snowy day in November, with his truck parked in the frigid parking lot.

He strung up a wire high above his head, using a tree and ladder, then allowed it to touch the ground and lay flat on the ground for a few dozen

feet.

That simple action can increase the ability of the radio in his truck to pick up signals, he said, and it didn't take any more equipment than a hammer, ladder and the wire.

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Modern communication's vulnerability is something that the former police officer, no stranger to emergencies, knows well and that is why, he said, a few months ago when he heard about the statewide test, he asked if the amateur radio club he belongs to, the Bishop Amateur Radio club, or BARC, could be part of it.

Dr. Rick Johnson, the public health officer for Mono and Inyo counties, was the primary coordinator for the Nov. 21 exercise.

He said he was delighted to have BARC be part of the statewide exercise—the first time in decades that the long-standing club has been involved in the annual exercises in Inyo County and the first time in Mono County.

"When the club came to me a few months ago, and said, 'Can we help?' we said, 'Yes, gladly,'" he said.

"They set up in five different locations in the region and we simulated a communications blackout, like what would be likely in many disasters, such as earthquakes. It was amazing how well it worked when nothing else would."

He said the amateur radio operators are even more important now, as the Town of Mammoth Lakes reels from losing almost all of the employees that have institutional knowledge of how to respond to an emergency.

"It's wonderful we have Dan Holler (the interim Town Manager) because

he has a background in this area, having been through the Walker River flooding, and Chief Brent Harper (Mammoth Fire Chief), but they are short-staffed so the ham radio operators are a big asset. We hope they will be an even greater part of this in the future."

Count on it, said Jim Nelligan, a member of the club.

"People all over the state are involved in radio clubs like this," he said. "Many of us talk everyday and we are spread across most communities in the state. I think we can be a great asset."

Equipping local agencies and organizations with a simple piece of hardware will make the amateur radio network even more useful in an emergency, he said.

Dr. Mike Karch is a Mammoth Hospital orthopedic surgeon and a champion of local and national emergency preparedness.

Just back from a medical mission to the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan ravaged the island nation, he said ham radio technology can fill a gap like nothing else can in a true emergency.

"Over and over again, we find the lack of communication to be as dangerous, or more, than the things we think of as dangerous, such as falling buildings or disease," Karch said.

"I am glad to have their help."

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Former Mammoth Lakes Police officer Paul Dostie rigs a low tech solution to a critical communication problem, using a tree, a ladder and a wire. Photo/Wendilyn Grasseschi

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# Christmas farce now playing at Edison Theatre

**Hilarious parade of stories an uplifting jolly adventure**

**By Lesley-Anne Hoxie**  
Times Staff Writer

*'Twas last weekend when fell Opening Night,  
At Edison Theatre, the cast prepared to delight.  
The audience stood 'n' cheered for the marvelous show,  
And all through the town, the holiday spirit seemed to flow.*

Last weekend was opening night for Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre's production of "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)"—a theatrical treat that delivers what the title says.

The play covers all the holiday standards, from quality Christmas carols and fruitcakes to notable characters like Frosty, Rudolph and even the Grinch—nothing goes untouched in this merry story.

"We've done the traditional stories and they were great," said artistic director of the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, Shira Dubrovner. "But we thought we'd look for something a bit different, funny, and fun. Then we discovered this show."

Director Drina Durazo is a friend of Dubrovner's and the two of them were peer directors at the Group Repertory Theatre (GRT) in Los Angeles. Durazo is a producer and director in North Hollywood, primarily working at the Lonny Chapman Theatre through the Group Rep.

"I'm excited to have Drina bring this show and this cast to Mammoth," Dubrovner said. "They are all bringing their 'A' game."

Cast members Mark Ath and Brian Stanton last appeared on a Mammoth Lakes stage in productions of "Greater Tuna" and "The Bible: the Complete Word of God (Abridged)."

In "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)," Ath and Stanton are joined by Bert Emmett, another fantastic performer.

Together they create a darling comedic trio, boundlessly intertwining BHCs (beloved holiday classics) together with costumes, wit, imagination, and of course copious amounts of high-level energy.

The actors give it their all, and "their all" will have you rolling on the floor laughing. Be mindful of when you take a sip of wine or a bite of your cookie; there's a joke lurking behind every other line.

The production opens with a Victorian dressed Stanton (playing a character of himself, Brian Stanton) acting out the opening of "A Christmas Carol." The audience isn't the only one doing its best to concentrate Charles Dickens' long drawn out explanation that Marley is in fact dead. Soon, Ath and Emmett (playing Mark and Bert) take the stage to openly argue with Stanton.

Yes, "A Christmas Carol" is a "tradition," a holiday staple, and definitely the most memorable Muppets movie,



Cast members Mark Ath, Brian Stanton, and Bert Emmett perform in "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)," currently showing at the Edison Theatre Thursday through Sunday in Mammoth Lakes. **Photo/Bluebird Imaging**

but maybe there are other stories—new classics—that can evoke the holiday spirit?

It is then decided: this year the three men will perform all the BHCs they can possibly fit in two acts (including Brian's favorite, A Christmas Carol).

From "It's A Wonderful Life" to the Nutcracker, every tale is given a turn to be paraphrased or parodied on the stage by an enormously talented cast. While this show is clearly fun and games, it also contains informative interludes that by no means attempts to educate, but does provide fun facts about Christmas traditions from history.

This time each year, I think some people forget the essence of the holidays.

I don't mean literally, or even in the "spirit of the holidays" sort of way, but sometimes, a person gets to a point where holiday stories (most likely a movie) he or she traditionally watches every December feels more like a chore.

Impulsively, this person rolls his or her eyes at the sound of Christmas carols in the supermarket. Twinkling lights hung days before Thanksgiving provokes a rage best expressed on Facebook. And slowly, without realizing it, he or she becomes the Scrooge. Or Grinch. Or Mr. Potter?

Whatever holiday antagonist you prefer.

In these moments of Grinch-ey-ness, it's best to remember that this holiday spirit is not a person or place that exists in our reality, but like the famous editorial Francis P. Church wrote in 1897, "He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

Any holiday—Christmas specifically—is not an event that happens. It's one you must journey to.

MLRT's hilarious Christmas parade of stories is an uplifting jolly adventure, spectacularly produced.

It is perfect for those who already feel overwhelmed by the holidays. In between filling your belly with turkey and holiday treats, fill it with satire and holiday cheer. It's a deliciously warm holiday meal (without the calorie count).

*Every Christmas Story Ever Told runs Thursdays through Saturdays at 7 p.m.*

*and Sundays at 4 p.m. through Dec. 23 at the Edison Theatre, 100 College Parkway. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$18 students and seniors, \$12 for children. But keep in mind this play is recommended for ages 13 and older. For more information visit [www.EdisonTheatre.org](http://www.EdisonTheatre.org).*

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# The great battle above our heads

## Two enemy constellations go at it once more

By Wendilyn Grasseschi  
Times Staff Writer

High above the sharp and spired peaks surrounding Mammoth, a great and furious battle rages over our unwitting heads and at no time is it more evident than now, during this deepest week of winter.

Up there this Winter Solstice, amid a billion diamond stars spinning through the night, two great enemy constellations fight an eternal battle that has gone on as long—or even longer—than the sun has burned.

Up there, the fierce-pinchered Scorpion tracks down her mortal enemy, the hunter Orion, and he in turn chases her across the deep winter sky, eon after eon, over and over again.

Easiest to find in the southeast sky by the string of diamond bright stars hanging from his belt in a straight line, Orion the Hunter is one of deep winter's most dominant constellations. Visible only in his entirety in the midst of winter (right now), he has come to be known as the winter constellation.

It's a distinction that also separates Orion from his mortal enemy, the summer constellation Scorpius, visible only in her entirety in the summer.

It is said that the enmity between the two is so great they can never fully appear in the sky together.

But how did such a great and eternal hatred take root?

It all began with a battle—a great, epic battle between Orion the Hunter and the Goddess Gaia's favorite champion, the Giant Scorpion, according to Reno's Fleischmann Planetarium Director Dan Ruby.

The story goes something like this:

Long, long ago, Orion the Hunter tried to win the hand of a beautiful maiden by killing one of every animal on Earth. The carnage upset the earth goddess, Gaia, so much that she aimed her best fighter, the Great Scorpion, at Orion.

The ensuing battle was horrific, went on for a long time, and in the end, no one won.

Both Orion and the Great Scorpion died of their wounds and both were cast into the heavens as stars.

But their enmity was so great, even in death they continued to hate each other and chase one another through the night sky.

If Orion is fully visible, Scorpius is all or partially below the horizon.

In the summer, if Scorpius is fully visible, Orion is all or partially below the horizon.

During these cold and deep winter nights, Orion dominates the sky and is

trailed by two other familiar star patterns, his hunting dogs Canis Major and Canis Minor.

"On Nov. 15, the tip of the tail of Scorpius winked out of view over our horizon," said Ruby. "The tail was the last thing to go."

The summer-loving, Orion-hating Scorpion won't be fully visible again until July 15, he said, at which time Orion will be nowhere to be seen.

This month though, Orion and his hounds are completely visible in the night sky, running through the cold night without their giant enemy close behind for a few months.

While it's true Scorpius began her ascent back into view in mid-December, tip of tail first, the vast majority of her body will be far below the horizon until the ice and snow begin to melt, the trees to bud, and the days to grow longer.

Orion then disappears completely in mid-May, giving Scorpius a brief few weeks of blissful peace, before he begins his ascent up over the horizon and the two enemies resume chasing one another around the night sky in their eternal quest for vengeance.

Down here on earth, this is the week of the Winter Solstice, falling this week

on Saturday, Dec. 21. It's the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the longest night.

In the Old World, when calendars still followed the sun and moon, not the Roman gods, it would be New Year's Eve.

Our ancestors celebrated this day with feast and fire, giving thanks for what they had and praying for what they longed for.

They didn't know what we now know: that the solstice is an astronomical event caused by Earth's tilt on its axis and its motion in orbit around the sun.

They didn't know that because Earth doesn't orbit upright. It is instead tilted on its axis by 23.5 degrees, which causes Earth's Northern and Southern Hemispheres to trade places in receiving the sun's light and warmth most directly.

The tilt of the Earth—not our distance from the sun—is what causes winter and summer. At the December solstice, the Northern Hemisphere is leaning most away from the sun for the year.

Our ancestors only knew that from this day forward, the deep, dark winter would only get less deep, less dark, each day, and so they celebrated.

Happy Solstice and Merry Christmas to all.

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The constellation Orion. Photo/NASA



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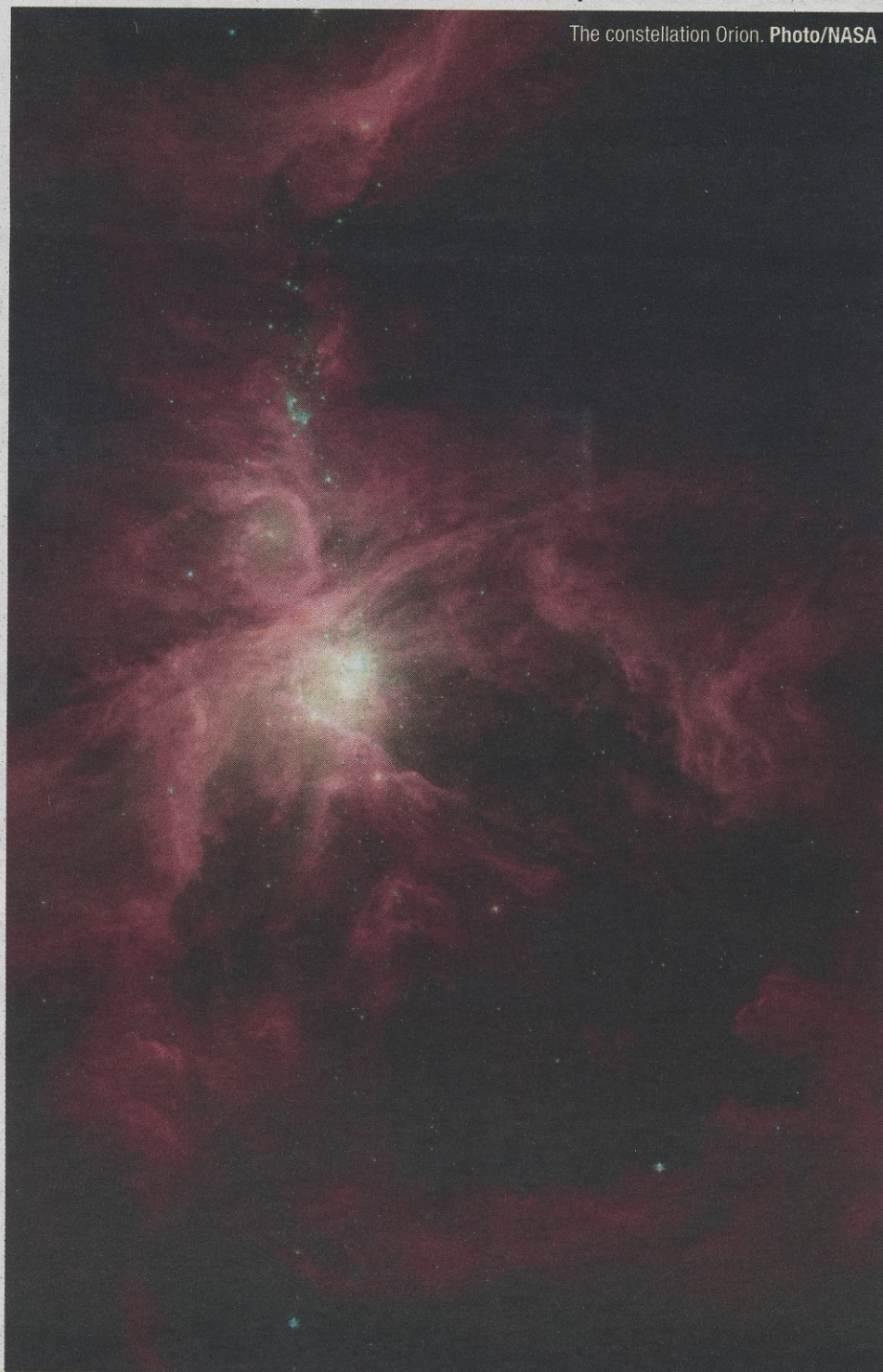
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# News briefs

## Tioga Pass officially closed for the winter

Due to snowy and icy conditions, the Tioga and Glacier Point Roads in Yosemite National Park are closed for the season. These roads close each fall and remain closed throughout the winter months until weather conditions permit reopening in the spring next year.

The series of storm systems that passed through the Yosemite Area over the last several weeks have resulted in heavy snow accumulation throughout the park.

Yosemite National Park is open year-round with snow removal on all other roads within the park. All roads within the park are subject to chain control or temporary closures due to hazardous driving conditions. All motorists are required to carry tire chains, even if their car is equipped with four-wheel drive, while driving in the park during the winter months.

For updated 24-hour road and weather conditions for Yosemite National Park, please call 209-372-0200.

## K-9 officer Tara uncovers narcotics

The Mono County Narcotics Enforcement Team (MONET) agents and the Mono County Sheriff's Office arrested

four individuals on Sunday, Dec. 15, after K-9 officer Tara discovered narcotics in two Mammoth Lakes residences.

Between the two searches, K-9 officer Tara indicated the presence of narcotics, which led to the subsequent discovery and recovery of about four ounces of cocaine; concentrated cannabis; multiple types of prescription narcotics; several digital scales; plastic bindles; pay sheets indicating the sales of narcotics; and one pistol.

The four individuals were transported and booked into the Mono County Jail in Bridgeport without incident. All charges for the four individuals are pending through the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

## MLPD to distribute gun locks

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department (MLPD) will be providing free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program.

The safety kits, which include a gun lock, are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the MLPD station located at 568 Old Mammoth Road.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, has distributed more than 35 million firearm safety kits throughout the country since 2003. The program is supported by the U.S. Department of Justice and the firearms industry.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearms," said MLPD Chief Dan Watson. "Each kit contains a safety curriculum and cable-style gun lock. The locks fit most types of handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home."

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the MLPD is participating in a national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners.

# Merry Christmas!

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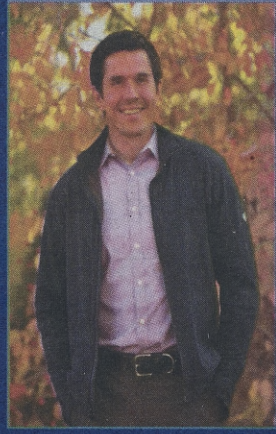
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Mark McAfee, CEO of Organic Pastures Dairy of Fresno, stands with his TB 20 Trinidad airplane, painted with the words "get raw milk!" McAfee will be flying raw milk directly to Mammoth Lakes from his dairy in Fresno, starting this Saturday, Dec. 21. Photo/Submitted

## Raw milk to be delivered to Mammoth by plane

Times Staff Report

In response to demand from a growing raw milk buyers club in Mammoth, this Saturday, Dec. 21, Organic Pastures Dairy of Fresno will be flying raw milk direct to Mammoth Lakes.

Mark McAfee, CEO of Organic Pastures Dairy, will take off from his farm airstrip in this inaugural flight.

Organic Pastures began deliveries to the local buyers club earlier this year. The product has completely eliminated one child's eczema, according to a recent news release.

"There is a child that needs his raw milk," McAfee said. "I will fly raw milk direct from the farm to assure that it gets there all year long, snow or no snow, open

or closed roads.

"I love to fly and what greater use of a few minutes of my time and my plane than to help nourish kids!"

McAfee is a retired Fresno County Paramedic and has been flying since he was 16 years old. He is also a pilot for the Fresno Chapter of the Fly Doctors of Mercy LIGA and has flown many medical missions to remote areas of Mexico.

Organic Pastures Dairy was founded in 2001 to provide thousands of hungry Californians with delicious, safe raw milk, the news release stated.

Organic Pastures Dairy is an industry leader for raw milk.

For more information, visit [www.organicpastures.com](http://www.organicpastures.com).

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## Moribund Canyon Blvd. rehab takes on new life

By George Shirk  
Times Managing Editor

Nearly six years after it became a gleam in the Town Council's eye, the rehabilitation of Canyon Boulevard is about to spring to life.

At the Town Council meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, the staff from the public works department presented the council with a new plan, which looked oddly identical to a plan originally submitted in 2008.

Technically, the council had before it a vote on a proposed contract to Speiss Construction to do the work, but in taking up the matter as a policy vote, the council moved the project from the theoretical to the realm of the real.

The council voted to pass the contract 4-0. Lehman recused himself since he lives on the street.

In the contract, for \$3.9 million—the majority of it comes from the State Transportation Program—the town dropped the original proposal that included improvements to Hillside Drive between Hillside and Lake Mary Road, which reduced the contract amount by nearly \$1 million.

The project has a rich history.

In January 2008, the state awarded funding to complete the environmental, design, and construction program, and later contracted with RO Ander-

son for plans and specs for the project.

It was originally scheduled to be built during the summers of 2008 and 2009.

It hit a delay when the council moved the state funds to another project at the staff's request.

All the required environmental work was completed at the time and filed with Mono County.

The project itself, which complies with appropriate zoning codes, would not only rehab the road, but also would feature sidewalks along the north side of the road.

The sidewalks would not be plowed during the winter months, reducing snow storage issues, with the exception of bus stops.

Even so, engineer Peter Bernasconi, who also is the town's acting public works director, wrote that the project fits with the town's general plan of having a more "feet-first" town.

Still, the rehab would affect all driveways on the north side of the street.

Bernasconi wrote in a staff report that the impact on existing driveways "will not be significant" because the centerline would shift to the south.

The shoulders of the boulevard, which serves Canyon Lodge, would shrink to six feet from eight, under the terms of the contract.

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# Tannenbaum launches XC ski racing season

Eighty racers complete various courses at Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center

**Times Staff Report**

The Tannenbaum Classic Nordic Ski Race started off the cross-country ski season Dec. 15 at Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center with a crowd of nearly 80 racers, ranging from youngsters who were on cross country skis for the first time to college athletes and a two-time Olympian.

Adults raced a 10km race, high school athletes a 5km, and juniors raced in either a 2km or 1km race. A large contingent of junior alpine racers came to test their skills in "uphill" skiing.

The crowd witnessed a monumental result for Laurel Fiddler, a freshman ski team member at Bates College in Maine, as she beat her mother, Olympian Nancy Fiddler, for the first time.

Mammoth Middle School Coach Bryce Tiernan showed his team members his racing ability by taking first place in the men's race.

The race was a fundraiser for Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association whose mission is to promote cross-



Youth racers start their race in the Lakes Basin on Dec. 15 in the annual Tannenbaum Classic Nordic Ski Race. The race is a fundraiser for Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association whose mission is to promote cross-country skiing and biathlon in the Eastern Sierra. **Photo/Heidi Vetter**

country skiing and biathlon in the Eastern Sierra by encouraging the development of responsible and self-motivated skiers by providing the support required to assist each athlete to ski and race to the best of their abilities.

Visit esnsa.org for more information.

**10K women's race:**

1	10	0:33:53.3	Laurel	Fiddler	U20	F	Crowley Lake
2	11	0:34:04.9	Nancy	Fiddler	M3	F	Crowley Lake
3	14	0:38:21.3	Carolyn	Tiernan	M4	F	Bishop

**10K men's race:**

1	16	0:34:25.5	Bryce	Tiernan	S	M	Bishop
2	3	0:35:11.2	Isaac	Kreisman	S	M	Crowley Lake
3	134	0:37:08.2	Mike	Karch	M2	M	Mammoth Lakes

**5K boy's juniors race:**

1	185	0:18:49.8	Trace	Calvin	U16	M	Crowley Lake
2	180	0:18:55.8	Connor	Kusumoto	U16	M	Mammoth Lakes
3	179	0:19:30.3	Carson	Bold	U18	M	Mammoth Lakes

**5K girl's junior race:**

1	186	0:20:08.9	Amanda	Kirkeby	U18	F	Mammoth Lakes
2	188	0:30:21.5	Sophia	McKee	U14	F	Mammoth Lakes
3	189	0:51:29.7	Thea	Amon-Franceschi	U10	F	Los Angeles

**2K girl's junior race:**

1	80	0:28:38.3	Abby	Stober	U14	F	Bishop
2	93	0:29:39.2	Robin	Romagnino	U14	F	Mammoth Lakes
3	104	0:33:39.6	Bryn	Urdu	U10	F	Mammoth Lakes

**2K boy's junior race:**

1	82	0:21:59.3	Dominic	Manzano	U14	M	Mammoth Lakes
2	81	0:24:42.1	Spencer	Reid	U14	M	Bishop
3	86	0:29:21.1	Aidan	LeFrancois	U12	M	Mammoth Lakes

**1K (10 and under) girl's race:**

1	62	0:08:36.8	Eva	Bissonette	U12	F	Mammoth Lakes
2	59	0:08:55.5	Sierra	Burrer	U12	F	Bishop
3	61	0:10:57.6	Siena	Beeghly	U10	F	Irvine

**1K (10 and under) boy's race:**

1	64	0:08:18.2	Dane	Karch	U8	M	Mammoth Lakes
2	63	0:08:20.2	Cyrus	Creasy	U8	M	Mammoth Lakes

Full results can be found at: [http://farwestnordic.org/raceresults/results20132014/tl\\_tannenbaum13.html](http://farwestnordic.org/raceresults/results20132014/tl_tannenbaum13.html)  
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# Feds partially relent on sage grouse

**USFWS extends 'Comment Period' by 45 days**

**By George Shirk**  
Times Managing Editor

It was hard to tell if there was a bounce to Scott Burns' step this past week.

From a glass half-full point of view, he was definitely on the upside.

The Mono County senior planner walked to the podium at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17 to bring the board up to date on the continuing saga of the county's fight to extend the comment period on listing the local sage grouse as an endangered species.

The supervisors and Burns believe such a listing could cause economic chaos in the areas of agriculture, recreational fishing, and ultimately, to visitation in the tourism-heavy county.

"I have good news and bad news," Burns said to the supervisors at their regular meeting at the Sierra

Center Mall in Mammoth.

"The good news is that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has granted an extension to the comment period."

At the dais, the supervisors' faces lit up.

"The bad news," Burns said, "is that they extended it by only 45 days."

At that, the supervisors' expressions turned sour.

The supervisors, in Bridgeport on Dec. 3, pressed their case for a 90-day extension so the county could deal with the myriad issues associated with the proposed listing.

The comment period was to end Dec. 27, and in a meeting with USFWS official Ted Koch, it appeared as if Mono County had lost its case entirely.

As it turned out, Mono County won; or, in a glass half-empty interpretation, Mono County lost.

"What this means is that we're going to have to really push hard to get our research and comments to the USFWS on time," Burns said.

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# Canyon Lodge Opens



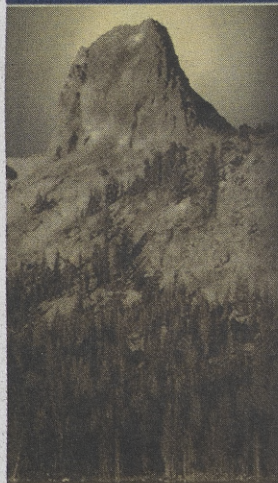
Canyon Lodge and Eagle Lodge opened Dec. 18 for the 2013-14 ski season, which means the gondola from the Village is also running. Photo/Aleksandra Gajewski

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# Search and rescue team honors its members during annual dinner

**Steve Case, Heidi Vetter, Glenn Goryl take top honors**

**Times Staff Report**

The Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue Team is a nonprofit organization of volunteers dedicated to saving lives. They do searches and rescues at any time, in any weather, for as long as it takes, for free.

Each year, the team honors members for their individual excellence and public service.

The team's highest honor, election to status as a Lifetime Member, is only rarely conferred by the team to a rescue member who has made unusual, faithful, and regular contributions to the team and to the welfare of victims over a significant number of years.

Steve Case received this high honor at the team's annual awards dinner on Dec. 14.

Case joined the team in 1992, and has the longest tenure of any current member. Since 1995, records show that Case has participated in 175 search or rescue missions, 161 trainings, and 175 meetings, for a total of 508 team events.

This is an enormous voluntary commitment of time and talent to the county and the team.

Case has faithfully served the team in a wide variety of roles, including board member and as trainer for new members. He is very versatile and dependable, and has consistently been eager to accept difficult field assignments in any weather.

Two awards are given by the team each year to honor members who have excelled.

The team's primary honor for achievement is the Pete Schoerner Rescue Member of the Year award. The award is named in memory of a beloved teammate who was killed in an ice climbing accident in 1996.

The Pete Schoerner Rescue Member of the Year for 2013 is Heidi Vetter. Vetter serves the team as a member of the Board of Directors and as an Operations Leader. She participated in 35 team events in 2013.

Since 2008, Vetter has served the team and Mono County on 177 team events, including 48 rescues and searches. She has a wide variety of leading and organizing skills, and is a key player in everything the team does.

New members in training are called Candidate Members, and must undergo training, practice, and testing in 18 skill categories before being considered for advancement to Rescue Member.

Examples of these skills include first aid and victim care, tracking, technical rescue, mountain navigation, helicopter operations, and skill with electronic aids such as computers, radios, avalanche transceivers, and GPS receivers.

Completion of all requirements takes a lot of dedication and faithfulness over a period that is typically a year or more.

The team honors one candidate member each year with the Rick Mosher Candidate Member of the Year Award. Rick Mosher was the only team member to have died in the line of duty and was killed while searching in a small airplane that crashed during an operation on Aug. 15, 1979.

This year the team selected Glenn Goryl as the Rick Mosher Candidate Member of the Year.

Goryl has been very active and faithful in his training and rescue operations, and has devoted a lot of personal time to team projects and public awareness. He completed all his training requirements for Rescue Member in less than the minimum time. Since beginning his training in April of 2013, he has participated in 53 Team events and 19 rescues and searches.

The 2013 honorees were presented with laser engraved plaques at an awards dinner in the team's new building.

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From top to bottom: Steve Case is awarded Lifetime Membership, Glenn Goryl is awarded the Rick Mosher Candidate Member of the Year, and Heidi Vetter is awarded the Pete Schoerner Rescue Member of the Year. Photos/Submitted

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## Mammoth hoopsters prep for league play

**Kailiawa, Presson lead Husky scorers**

**Times Staff Report**

The Mammoth Huskies basketball team, fresh off "character builder" losses at last weekend's Whittell (Nev.) Tournament, is putting together the finishing touches before they begin play in the Desert Mountain League on Dec. 27.

If their 73-47 loss to Incline and their 71-38 loss to host school Whittell on Saturday was tough to take, their 56-48 victory against Lee Vining might have ameliorated the sting of the losses.

The bright spot in Nevada belonged to Fox Kailiawa.

Kailiawa, a senior, put up 19 points on 6-for-14 shooting against tournament favorite Incline, and hit three of seven shots from 3-point territory. Against Whittell, Kailiawa scored 19, hitting four of seven shots from beyond the arc.

Against Lee Vining, Kailiawa scored 10 points, to go along with Cole Presson's 13 and Denis Orick's 10.

The Huskies, under coach Robbie Presson, finish their non-league early schedule with a game this evening, Dec. 19, at Lee Vining, at 6:30 p.m., and then play Bishop on Thursday, Dec. 26.

They open league play against Antelope Valley on Friday, Dec. 27.

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# June Mountain is back

## Times Staff Report

June Mountain Ski Area opened as scheduled last Friday, Dec. 13 and the first riders on the first chair were the group of Lee Vining students who sold

lemonade last year in an attempt to keep their beloved ski area open.

The community enjoyed a full day of activities for the grand reopening celebration, including an inaugural bonfire during the afternoon and the reintroduction of the ski area's mascot, "Bucky" the deer.

The ski area reopened one season after Mammoth Mountain Ski Area CEO Rusty Gregory closed the smaller hill last winter due to financial constraints,

plunging a community into crisis and forcing June Mountain to reinvent itself.

Season passes to June Mountain are currently available until Jan. 31. Call 888.JuneMtn for more details.

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**Clockwise from top left:** Bucky rides his first chair of the season. • Glen Plake lights the first June Mountain Bonfire. • June is all about community. • Rusty Gregory speaks to the crowd and raises a toast to opening day and the kids that raised money for June Mountain with their lemonade stand. • Early morning corduroy. **Photos/Jesse Barlet**

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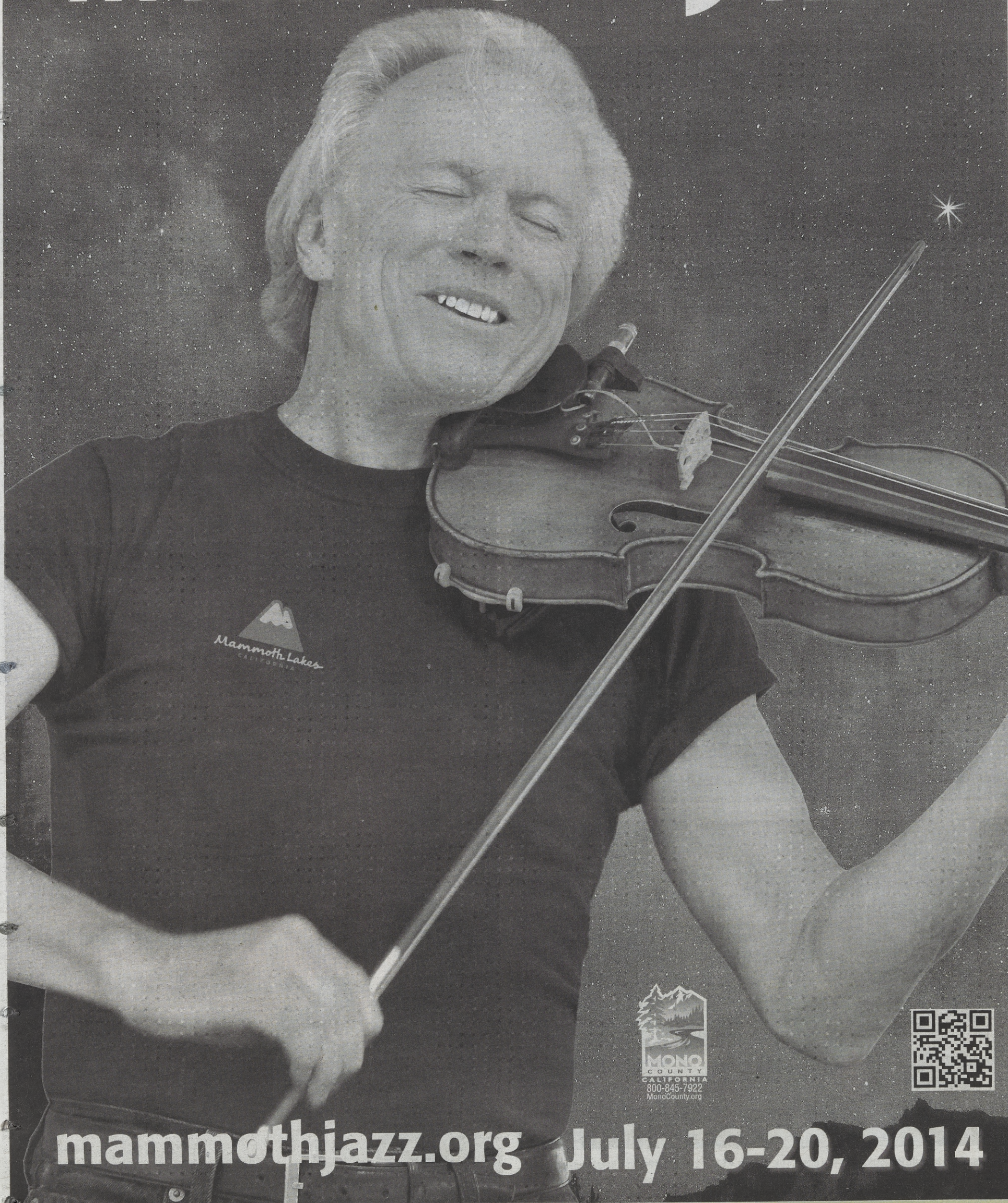
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where we supply the sheriff's department and everything else we do," Fesko said, "but status quo is it, and I don't think there's any other point of discussion."

Johnston, Fesko and the other board members on Tuesday, Dec. 17, had in their hands a letter from Mammoth Mayor Rick Wood, asking the supervisors for help in the iconic fireworks show.

Wood signed the letter on behalf of the town as a result of a Town Council action on Dec. 4.

No one from the town government attended the meeting on Tuesday, nor did anyone representing a Mammoth ad hoc private group of citizens that is trying to raise enough money to present the show.

"We might have dropped the ball on that one," said Interim Town Manager Dan Holler. "But the expectation wasn't high that they (the supervisors) would help fund it further."

Town Council Member Matthew Lehman, who with the publishers of both Mammoth weekly newspapers, is leading the private fundraising event, said of the town's no-show that he did not regard it as having a great deal of importance, one way or the other.

"We have a lot of cooperative efforts with the county," he said, "but we just can't show up for every meeting."

That the topic came up at all was not a surprise.

It was listed as a discussion item in the board's agenda, published on Thursday, Dec. 12, five days ahead of the discussion.

The supervisors' meeting was in Mammoth, at the Board Chambers at the Sierra Center Mall on Old Mammoth Road, just across the street from the Town Offices in the Minaret Mall.

The board itself did not entirely kill the idea of helping fund the event, which cost Mammoth taxpayers about \$24,000 last summer.

The town government, in a streamlining move to address a budget shortfall, de-funded the fireworks show for the 2014-15 fiscal year, both on budget principles as well as geographic realities.

During the July 4 fireworks show, Mammoth itself more or less empties out at about mid-afternoon as people make their way to Crowley Lake.

In turn, some town officials and members of the Chamber of Commerce cringe while watching all that money disappear.

In addition to fireworks, there are typically sideshow events at Crowley Lake such as music performances, picnic areas, camping spots, and so on.

In de-funding the fireworks, the council kept \$10,000 in reserve, with the hopes that the town might use it to present some kind of a Fourth of July event.

In asking the county government for more money for the Crowley Lakes show, Lehman said it made sense.

"It (the fireworks show) is something the town has always funded, but it's for everybody in the county, too, and it's held outside of the town itself.

"It seems to me that the [financial] burden should be shared."

Johnston, without shutting the door entirely on co-operative funding, said other sources have yet to be tapped, and procedures have not been pursued.

"I would like to direct the Town to our application process to apply for money," he said, noting that the town had not yet chosen to make that move.

"I would also like to give my support to using funding from the [recently passed] TBID, and from Measure R and from Measure T.

"I also I understand there is a surplus of \$1.9 million. So I think there are probably enough funding sources that would recover the \$5,000 that they're asking us for."

Even so, County Administrative Officer Jim Leddy suggested the board might put the item on its official agenda for the supervisors' next meeting, Jan. 7, in Bridgeport.

In the end, the board therefore left the issue dangling—still hanging fire—while acknowledging only that it had received the letter from Wood.

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## News briefs

### Devils Postpile/Reds Meadow plan to burn

Weather and air quality conditions permitting, Devils Postpile National Monument and Inyo National Forest are planning pile burning in the Devils Postpile/Reds Meadow area.

The burn could begin this week and/or when conditions permit in January 2014.

The project is located on both the Inyo National Forest and

at Devils Postpile National Monument near Reds Meadow. Both areas are outside of the designated wilderness.

The pile burning is expected to last one to six days.

It is expected that approximately 300 acres will be treated. Of those, 59 acres will be within Devils Postpile National Monument and the remaining acres will be treated on the Inyo National Forest.

This project is being conducted in order to reduce fuel loads following the Devils Windstorm of 2011.

During that storm, thousands of trees in the Reds Meadow

Valley were blown down, greatly increasing the amount of hazardous fuels.

In 2012 and 2013, fire crews thinned and piled the slash from downed trees in order to reduce fire risk. The piles are burned when adequate snow cover exists to prevent the fire from spreading and to reduce burn intensity.

The objectives of the burn are to reduce fuels and fire risk, particularly in developed areas and along roads and to encourage ecological diversity, and improve ecosystem resilience.

Fire crews from the Inyo National Forest are leading the project.

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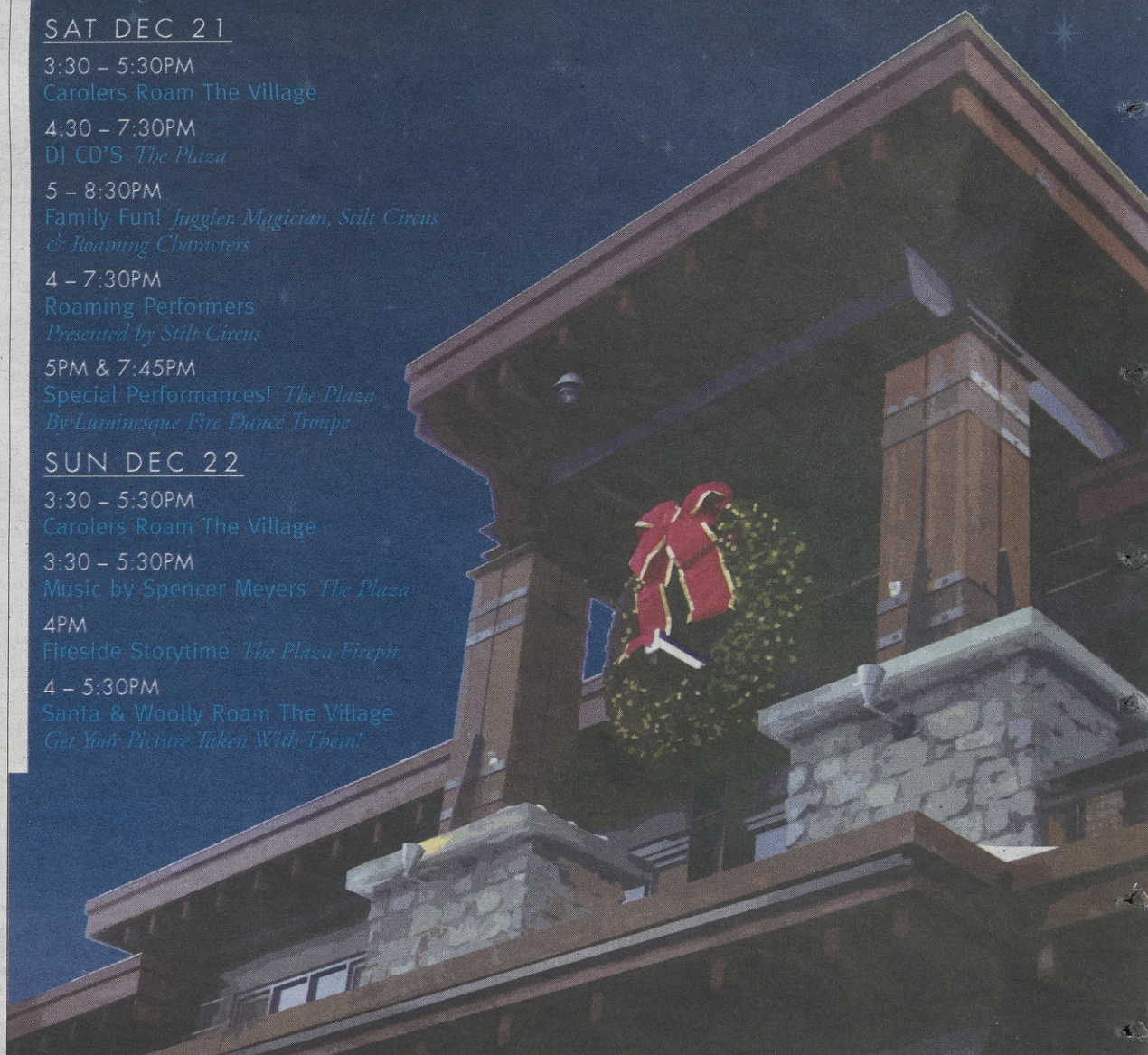
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practically frozen in time.

Aurora, however, was built largely with brick. Much of this brick was salvaged by another type of "prospector" during a post-World War II building boom.

Aurora happened to have just the right mix of materials to make bricks on site, saving on the cost of hauling lumber, but dooming it to the greed of the building profiteers.

Eric Dillingham, District Archaeologist for the Bridgeport Ranger District, is currently studying Aurora, and likely benefited from those building profiteers.

"I probably sat on [Aurora's] Esmeralda hotel [bricks] for years growing up," said Dillingham.

Dillingham's childhood home in Pacific Palisades was built around 1950 and in a location known to have received a lot of brick from Aurora, Dillingham said.

"That's just karma."

In 1860, three men on a hunting and prospecting trip found a rock outcrop east of Bridgeport rich in gold and silver. Having just finished Victor Hugo's newly released novel "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," the explorers decided to call the district Esmeralda Mining District, after the book's heroine.

Word spread quickly, and in a matter of weeks, the area was bustling with mining traffic.

So cropped up Aurora, the mining town; but the ore deposits were shallow, and the heyday short-lived.

In 1860, somewhere between two and three hundred people overwintered in Aurora—two of which, at most, were women. The town and its mining peaked with roughly 5,000 people in 1863, Silver said.

"There were always hopes, there were always those hangers-on," said Silver.

"There were attempts to revitalize Aurora's mining potential over the years, and mining continued for years on a smaller scale.

"Aurora was one of the most infamous mining scams in western history," said Clifford Shaw, author of "An 1864 Directory and Guide to Nevada's Aurora."

It was also not a "fly by night" western mining camp, he said. Aurora was occupied for 60 years.

"After the Post Office closed in 1919, Aurora was one of the foremost visited ghost town tourist destinations in the entire American west," Shaw said.

Stockbrokers contributed to the demise of Aurora, Silver said, selling stocks of questionable worth. At first, the small city didn't have its own mill to process the ore, shipping it to Virginia City at great cost.

Water was at a premium in the

dry landscape—another key component to run a mill, not to mention many other things pertaining to life.

Early on, Aurora was the government seat for both Mono County in California and Esmeralda County in Nevada.

Figuring out that Aurora was actually three miles into Nevada, and not in fact in California, was easier than getting California to accept the fact, Silver said. Both California and the Nevada Territory (not yet a state) wanted the associated tax revenue, she said.

It was a game of "political football," Silver said. A joint commission from California and the Nevada Territory surveyed the area again, and in 1864 finally settled on the fact that Aurora indeed belonged to the Nevada Territory.

Today, Aurora is monogamously in Mineral County, Nevada.

Some of the town's issues went back to that location conundrum, Dillingham said—like who was charged with running the courts, California or the Nevada Territory?

"A booming mining camp did not just draw miners and merchants; it was a magnet for the less desirable," Robert E. Stewart wrote in his book "Aurora: Nevada's Ghost City of the Dawn."

"Aurora was known among mining towns for prostitution, gam-

bling, and murders," said Dillingham.

Boasting a vast male majority, most of which lived in small cabins and dugouts, "there was no one to tell them to clean up, when to shave, or when to stop drinking or gambling," he said.

"From the dark underside of Sacramento had come John Daly and friends," Stewart wrote. "Daly was known to have killed four men before locating in Aurora," and once in the mining town, they were employed as gunmen by a local mining company.

"The Daly Gang virtually ran the town; at one time they had enough influence to elect one of their members the town marshal," Stewart wrote.

The gang killed 27 people in three years, and after yet another bloody end to a dispute, the town had had enough. Four members of the Daly Gang, including John Daly himself, were hung in 1864.

"That did a pretty good job of getting rid of ruffians," Silver said.

The worst of the violence may have been over, but life was never easy in Aurora.

"The winters there had to have been brutal," Silver said.

Had her beau taken her to Aurora by stagecoach, she said, she'd have

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#### What are the facts?

**National Security.** The balance of military power, as compared to its neighboring Arab enemies, is decisively in favor of Israel. Israel's military might is substantially greater than that of any combination of its potential adversaries. It is highly unlikely that any Arab state would venture to attack powerful Israel. Military threats are more likely to come from non-state adversaries such as Hamas or Hezbollah. Israel's non-state enemies are armed with thousands of rockets, virtually all of them supplied by Iran. But Israel's sophisticated missile defense systems would be fully competent to intercept and incapacitate virtually all such incoming rockets.

The only credible threat would be an implacably hostile Iran. It is, however, certain that Israel, with or without the help or approval of the United States, would not allow Iran to be in a position to attack. If worse came to worst, there is, as a last resort, Israel's own nuclear potential, which, though unconfirmed, is purported to be formidable.

**A Strong Economy.** Next to military power, a strong economy is a fundamental requirement for a successful future. Israel's economy is vastly ahead of its neighbors—unique in the Middle East and equal to most and superior to some European countries. Israel was admitted into the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), a union of the most developed countries of the world. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has expressed its confidence in Israel's long-term vitality.

Israel is a fount of productivity. Most major American companies have subsidiaries and research/development affiliates in Israel. Israel is a world leader in microchip technology, in medical instrumentation, in missile defense, in robotics, in unmanned aerial vehicles and in many other categories. Although much effort has been expended by Israel's enemies to isolate it economically, that is a forlorn cause and will continue to be unsuccessful.

As a result of ceaseless exploration, huge oil and gas fields have been discovered in the Israeli sector of the Mediterranean, which, beginning almost immediately, will fulfill its domestic demands and will, in all likelihood, propel Israel to become an exporter of such products.

Yes, indeed, with its strong military, its flourishing economy, its cohesive population, and its firm international relations, the future of the Jewish state for the next 60 to 100 years seems to be assured.

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He took his case to the board of supervisors on Dec. 3.

Meanwhile, members of the board kicked the issue alive, sending it to the town's public works department and handing it to Vianey White, a project manager.

White made a presentation to the board at its meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16, saying there were well over a hundred burial plots available, but to make absolutely sure, the department would need about a year to map the cemetery.

Supervisor Fred Stump, whose sense of humor lies somewhere between dry and scorching arid, jumped into the discussion with seeming relish.

"I would just like to ask for some reassurance, because, like me, Gary here is not getting any younger, and he wants some assurance that he'll be able to do what he wants to be able to do out there for his family."

Stump paused, then added, "I know dealing with cemeteries is kind of a dead issue."

There was scattered laughter in the Chamber.

"Sorry," Stump said, then

shrugged.

For a time, onlookers in the Board Chambers might have had a hard time telling if the discussion was about a serious political issue (it was); a fix for a bureaucratic FUBAR (it was); or a standup routine among elected officials who, by the way, all wore various—and some very funny—Christmas neckties, adding to the mirth of the moment.

The upshot, however, was that once the supes got onto the Bandwagon of Death, so to speak, they weren't about to jump off.

Supervisor Tim Fesko, taking a wistful approach, suddenly broke in from the bright blue heavens, as it were.

"I know that cemetery is really dear to a lot of people," he said, "and so is the history."

He paused.

"And by the way, I love to walk through old cemeteries, looking for old graves, and trying to find the oldest headstone, and there are some really great ones."

With that, the Supes finally let Nelson go, and let the issue die.

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## Getting to Aurora

Courtesy of Eric Dillingham, District Archaeologist  
Bridgeport Ranger District

### Directions from Bridgeport

A small SUV or light pickup is needed to access Aurora from this side.

Drive north toward Wellington on State Highway 182/Nevada Highway 388 for about 15 miles.

Head east on Lucky Boy Pass Road, passing Nine Mile Ranch (at 9 miles, oddly enough).

Here, there is a hard-bottom stream crossing that may have water up to four feet deep.

Continue to the unsigned Fletcher Junction at 14 miles.

At Fletcher Junction, go about 5 miles south toward the Esmeralda Mill (now owned by Waterton Mines).

(At 2.5 miles, you'll pass the "back road to Bodie" which is rougher and will also get you to Aurora by turning left at the DelMonte millsite.)

Continue on the modern mine road past the millponds and turn right up a steep hill.

Continue one mile to the cemetery. The town is just a little further.

### Directions from southern Mono County

From Mono City, drive north toward Hawthorne, Nev.

Four miles south of Hawthorne, turn west on Lucky Boy Pass Road

about 16 miles to Fletcher Junction.

Continue as above.

More adventurous jeep travelers will need a Bridgeport Ranger District Forest Service recreation map and can take the historic routes past Bodie. I highly recommend getting the recreation map no matter which way you go.

Aurora has mainly returned to the sagebrush, but the last few seasons' excavations prove that small stories remain stored in its soil.

Since the early 1900s, laws have been in place to conserve artifacts and protect archaeological sites from destruction. Aurora is an archaeological site with an active research program that tells us about Bodie, Bridgeport, Aurora, and the different groups of people that lived in or around both towns.

Aurora's historical legacy includes Samuel Clemens, Jewish merchants, the first Hispanic mayor in Nevada, Chinese laborers, and the miners and gamblers who helped develop the American West and give it its colorful reputation.

Aurora's cemetery really hammers home who lived and died there.

Today, just like everywhere else, a few bad actors can cause a whole lot of damage to the town and cemetery while it takes a lot of people's efforts to conserve the past.

Visitors can help by taking only photographs and leaving artifacts undisturbed.

## Your Worship Services

**Calvary Chapel of June Lake** - Sunday services are at the June Lake Community Center at 10 a.m. Kids' church and childcare. Contact Pastor Ron at (760) 648-8259.

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**The Lighthouse Church** of Mammoth meets at 546 Old Mammoth Rd. (in the old Oaktree Bldg.) on Sundays at 6pm. To receive prayer or for further information please call Pastor Dave Nelson at 760-934-6637 or visit us online at [lighthouseglobal.org/mammoth](http://lighthouseglobal.org/mammoth)

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left him the next day, saying "send us a check once a month and I'll see you next winter!"

Lizzie Marden, however, stuck it out in Aurora with her husband Horace and gaggle of nine children.

In Aurora's cemetery—one of the town's most well-preserved sites—where Silver has done much of her research, lies a four-sided headstone with the names of four young children, all with the last name Marden.

In February of 1878, a diphtheria epidemic whipped through Aurora and took their four youngest children, adding to one they had lost over a decade earlier, according to Peggy Lee, who has researched lineages originating in Aurora.

One of their surviving daughters, Mary, would go to college—unusual in her day—and would later marry a Canadian carpenter named George Albright. Mary lost their first child during childbirth in a small mining town in Nevada, so they decided to go to Bishop for their second try.

They named this first born son Horace Marden Albright after Mary's father, Lee wrote.

Grandpa Marden would take young Horace, and later his younger brothers, on camping trips in the mountains around Bishop, accord-

ing to Lee.

Later, Horace Marden Albright became co-founder of the U.S. National Park Service.

Though rife with tragedy and violence, Aurora's history was also the site of some prominent inspiration.

Standing in the middle of an old building plot, now overgrown with sage, Dillingham meticulously aligned himself with the crumbling cobblestone walls of the neighbor's cabin and the old road.

This, he said, was the spot where Sam Clemens became Mark Twain.

Clemens, like many, was struck by gold fever but failed to make his riches as a miner. He did, however, hone his talent for storytelling.

Clemens would tell stories to folks around town—at the bars, at the post office—largely rousing the high and mighty folk of the town, parodying such characters as the town's mayor and judge, Dillingham said.

Clemens soon moved on to his first reporting job in Virginia City, and wrote a book about his adventures in the west.

"He called his book 'Roughing It' for a reason," Dillingham said.

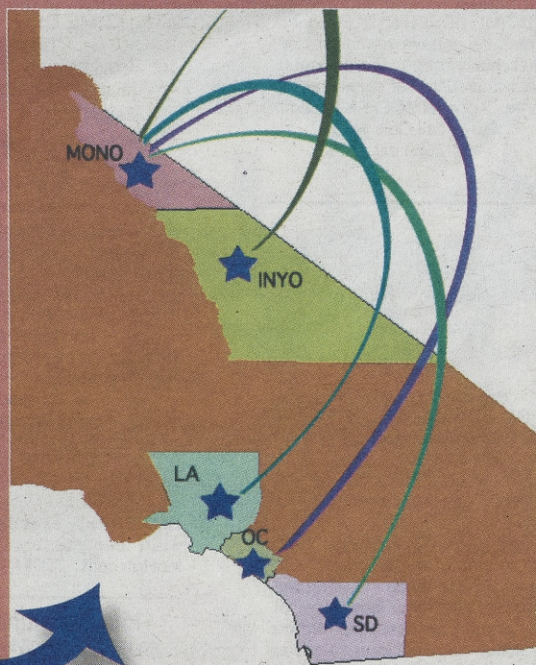
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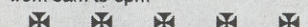
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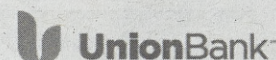
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the time of the initial publication of  
the Notice of Sale) reasonably esti-  
mated to be set forth below. The  
amount may be greater on the day of  
sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT  
TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL  
AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ROBERT  
D SNEED, A MARRIED MAN Re-  
corded: 4/12/2007 as Instrument No.  
2007002803 of Official Records in  
the office of the Recorder of MONO  
County, California; Date of Sale:  
12/26/2013 at 2:00:00 PM Place of  
Sale: In the upstairs lobby of  
Inyo-Mono Title Company, 218 Si-  
erra Park Road Mammoth Lakes, CA  
93546 Amount of unpaid balance  
and other charges: \$313,465.84 The  
purported property address is: 1629  
MAJESTIC PINES DR 32, MAM-  
MOTH LAKES, CA 93546 Assessor's  
Parcel No.: 381-032-000000 NO-  
TICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If  
you are considering bidding on this  
property lien, you should understand  
that there are risks involved in bid-  
ding at a trustee auction. You will be  
bidding on a lien, not on the property  
itself. Placing the highest bid at a  
trustee auction does not automati-  
cally entitle you to free and clear  
ownership of the property. You  
should also be aware that the lien  
being auctioned off may be a junior  
lien. If you are the highest bidder at  
the auction, you are or may be re-

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sponsible for paying off all liens senior  
to the lien being auctioned off, be-  
fore you can receive clear title to the  
property. You are encouraged to in-  
vestigate the existence, priority, and  
size of outstanding liens that may ex-  
ist on this property by contacting the  
county recorder's office or a title in-  
surance company, either of which  
may charge you a fee for this infor-  
mation. If you consult either of these  
resources, you should be aware that  
the same lender may hold more than  
one mortgage or deed of trust on the  
property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY  
OWNER: The sale date shown on  
this notice of sale may be postponed  
one or more times by the mortgagee,  
beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pur-  
suant to Section 2924g of the Califor-  
nia Civil Code. The law requires that  
information about trustee sale post-  
ponements be made available to you  
and to the public, as a courtesy, to  
those not present at the sale. If you  
wish to learn whether your sale date  
has been postponed, and, if applica-  
ble, the rescheduled time and date  
for the sale of this property, you may  
call 714-573-1965 for information re-  
garding the trustee's sale or visit this  
Internet Web site http://www.quality-  
loan.com, using the file number as-  
signed to this foreclosure by the  
Trustee: CA-13-564182-JP. Informa-  
tion about postponements that are  
very short in duration or that occur  
close in time to the scheduled sale  
may not immediately be reflected in  
the telephone information or on the  
Internet Web site. The best way to  
verify postponement information is to  
attend the scheduled sale. The un-  
dersigned Trustee disclaims any li-  
ability for any incorrectness of the  
property address or other common  
designation, if any, shown herein. If  
no street address or other common  
designation is shown, directions to  
the location of the property may be  
obtained by sending a written re-  
quest to the beneficiary within 10  
days of the date of first publication of  
this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is  
unable to convey title for any reason,  
the successful bidder's sole and ex-  
clusive remedy shall be the return of  
monies paid to the Trustee, and the  
successful bidder shall have no fur-  
ther recourse. If the sale is set aside  
for any reason, the Purchaser at the  
sale shall be entitled only to a return  
of the deposit paid. The Purchaser  
shall have no further recourse  
against the Mortgagor, the Mortga-  
gee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If  
you have previously been discharged  
through bankruptcy, you may have  
been released of personal liability for  
this loan in which case this letter is  
intended to exercise the note holders  
right's against the real property only.  
As required by law, you are hereby  
notified that a negative credit report  
reflecting on your credit record may  
be submitted to a credit report  
agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of  
your credit obligations. QUALITY  
MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT  
COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO  
COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY IN-  
FORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE  
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date:  
Quality Loan Service Corporation  
2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA  
92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE  
information only Sale Line:  
714-573-1965 Or Login to  
http://www.qualityloan.com Rein-  
statement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext  
5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS  
No.: CA-13-564182-JP IDSPub  
#0059175 12/5/2013 12/12/2013  
12/19/2013

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APN: 026-210-043000 PROPERTY  
291 Valley Road, Bishop, CA 93514  
Title Order No.: 1466982 Trustee  
Sale No.: 2001-006429-F00 NO-  
TICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU  
ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED  
OF TRUST, DATED October 10,  
2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION  
TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY,  
IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC  
SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANA-  
TION OF THE NATURE OF THE  
PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU  
SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.  
On January 10, 2014, Sage Point  
Lender Services, LLC, as duly ap-  
pointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUB-  
LIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BID-  
DER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S  
CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT drawn  
on a state or national bank, cashier's  
check drawn by a state or federal  
credit union, or a cashier's check  
drawn by a state or federal savings  
and loan association, or savings  
association, or savings bank specified

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in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE "A" Description Schedule A (Continued) File No.: 136739 All That Certain Real Property Situated In The Northeast Quarter Of Section 8, Township 5 South, Range 33 East, M.D.M., In The County Of Mono, State Of California And More Particularly Described As Follows: Commencing At The Southeast Corner Of The Northeast Quarter Of Said Section 8; Thence North 00°29'00" East Along The Section Line Common To Sections 8 & 9 A Distance Of 208.00 Feet To The Northeastly Corner Of That Certain Parcel Of Land Described In The Deed Recorded In Book 40, Page 143 Of Official Records Of The County Of Mono; Thence North 89°54'00" West, 20.00 Feet Along The Northerly Line Of That Certain Parcel Of Land Described In Said Deed Recorded In Book 40, Page 143 Of Said Official Records To A Point In The Westerly Boundary Of Valley Road, Said Point Being The True Point Of Beginning; Thence North 89°54'00" West, 416.82 Feet Along Said Northerly Line To The Easterly Boundary Line Of State Highway No. 6; Thence North 13°10'02" West, 292.01 Feet Along The Easterly Boundary Of State Highway No. 6 To A Point In The Southerly Boundary Of Brown's Subdivision Road; Thence North 88°53'05" East, 485.91 Feet Along The Southerly Boundary Of Brown's Subdivision Road To A Point In The Westerly Boundary Of Valley Road; Thence South 00°29'00" West, 294.53 Feet Along The Westerly Boundary Of Valley Road To The True Point Of Beginning. Except Therefrom That Portion Conveyed To The State Of California By Deed Recorded March 31, 1972 In Book 135 Page 522 Of Official Records. Also Except Therefrom, That Portion Of Said Land Described In That Certain Partial Reconveyance Executed By Executive Trustee Services, LLC And Recorded November 7, 2007 As Instrument No. 2007007240, Of Official Records. Said Land Is Now Known As: Parcel 3 Of Parcel Map No. 37-186, As Per Map Recorded In Book 4 Of Parcel Maps, Pages 168 And 168a, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Executed by: CURT VAN NEST, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded on October 20, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005008579, of Official Records, in the office of the County Recorder of Mono County, California. Date of Sale: January 10, 2014 at 02:00 PM Place of Sale: in the upstairs lobby of Inyo-Mono Title Company, 218 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 291 VALLEY ROAD, BISHOP, CA 93514 APN#

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026-210-043000 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is \$310,814.51. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to the return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 2001-006429-F00. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: November 25, 2013 Sage Point Lender Services, LLC 400 Exchange, Suite 110 Irvine, CA 92602 949-265-9940 Iulilia Calloway FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 916-939-0772 or visit WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM SAGE POINT LENDER SERVICES, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0224029 To: MAMMOTH TIMES PUB: 12/19/2013, 12/26/2013, 01/02/2014

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**  
Date of Filing Application December 2, 2013. To Whom it May Concern: The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: **Toominator Enterprises, LLC.** The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 6085 Minaret Rd Unit B1-B2, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Type of license(s) applied for: 41 - On-Sale Beer and Wine - Eating Place.

MT13-242(12/12, 12/19, 12/26/13)

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Mammoth Ski & Snowboard Education Foundation.** This business is conducted by: a corporation, other: non-profit. **Mammoth Ski & Snowboard Education Foundation, 49 Trails End Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.** The fictitious business name was filed in Mono County on 04/16/2008. File #08-052. This statement was filed in Mono County Clerk on 11/22/2013.

MT13-210(11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/13)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 13-182

Fictitious Business Name(s): **Mammoth Mobile Mechanics** Located at: PO Box 7968, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, Mono County. This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under fictitious business name listed herein. This business is hereby registered by the following: **Justin Wagner, PO Box 7968, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.** This statement was filed in Mono County on 12/02/2013.

MT13-239(12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2/14)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 13-176

Fictitious Business Name(s): **Details Concierge Service** Located at: 362 Old Mammoth Rd #11, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, Mono County. This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under fictitious business name listed herein. This business is hereby registered by the following: **Lynda Wu, PO Box 7350, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.** This statement was filed in Mono County on 12/03/2013.

MT13-238(12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/13)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 13-183

Fictitious Business Name(s): **Ohanas 395** Located at: mobile business based in Lee Vining, CA, 93541, Mono County. This business is conducted by: husband and wife. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under fictitious business name listed herein. This business is hereby registered by the following: **Verina McCullough and Robert McCullough, PO Box 375, Lee Vining, CA 93541.** This statement was filed on 12/03/13.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 13-181

Fictitious Business Name(s): **Bass Outlet** Located at: 3343 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, Mono County. This business is conducted by: a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 11/04/13. This business is hereby registered by the following: **Am Retail Group, INC, 7401 Boone Ave N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.** This statement was filed in Mono County on 11/13/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 13-178

Fictitious Business Name(s): **1. The Drunk Wagon 2. Drunk Wagon 3. Mammoth Drunk Wagon** Located at: 26 Lupin St. Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, Mono County. This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under fictitious business name listed herein. This business is hereby registered by the following: **Maxwell Soeffing, PO Box 9218, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.** This statement was filed on 12/11/13.

MT13-247(12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9/13)  
T.S. No. 13-2212-11 Loan No. 0608069605 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION

注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要  
T.S. No. 13-2212-11 Loan No. 0608069605 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION

IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED PLEASE NOTE THAT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(d)(1) THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON THIS DOCUMENT BUT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED OR PUBLISHED AND THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION NEED ONLY BE MAILED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/13/1990. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. See attached Exhibit "A" for Legal Description EXHIBIT "A" THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS GUARANTEE IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CITY OF MAMMOTH LAKES, COUNTY OF MONO AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A CONDOMINIUM ESTATE OF INHERITANCE, OR PERPETUAL ESTATE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 783 OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CONSISTING OF THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFOR-

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NIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL 1: UNIT NO. 131, CONSISTING OF CERTAIN AIRSPACE AND ELEMENTS, AS SHOWN AND DESCRIBED IN THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN ("PLAN") FOR LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 36-43A, WHICH PLAN WAS RECORDED ON MARCH 18, 1981, IN BOOK 1 OF CONDOMINIUM PLANS, PAGES 20 THROUGH 20F INCLUSIVE, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF MONO COUNTY. PARCEL 2: AN UNDIVIDED ONE-THIRTY-SIXTH (1/36) FEE SIMPLE INTEREST AS A TENANT IN COMMON IN LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 36-43A, AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED MARCH 18, 1981, IN BOOK 9, PAGES 36 AND 36A OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF MONO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. EXCEPTING THEREFROM, UNITS 101 THROUGH 136, INCLUSIVE, LOCATED THEREON, AS SHOWN AND DEFINED ON THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN REFERRED TO IN PARCEL 1 ABOVE. Trustor: WILLIAM FAZEKAS, JR., AN UNMARRIED PERSON Duly Appointed Trustee: THE WOLF FIRM, A LAW CORPORATION Recorded 11/20/1990 as Instrument No. 008004 in book 571, page 272 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Mono County, California, Date of Sale: 1/3/2014 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: In the upstairs lobby of Inyo-Mono Title Company, 218 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$23,944.25, estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: UNIT #131, 153 LAKE MARY ROAD MAMMOTH LAKE, CA 93546 A.P.N.: 239-031-000000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 13-2212-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/4/2013 THE WOLF FIRM, A LAW CORPORATION 2955 Main Street, 2nd Floor Irvine, California 92614 Foreclosure Department (949) 720-9200 Sale Information Only: (916) 939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com Frank Escalera, Team Lead NPP0223960 To: MAMMOTH TIMES 12/12/2013, 12/19/2013, 12/26/2013

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## NOTICE OF MANDATORY FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1053 (Gordon, Chapter 402, Statutes of 2011) and AB 110 (Blumenfeld, Chapter 20, Statutes of 2013), the following fees listed in the table below will be increased effective January 1, 2014.

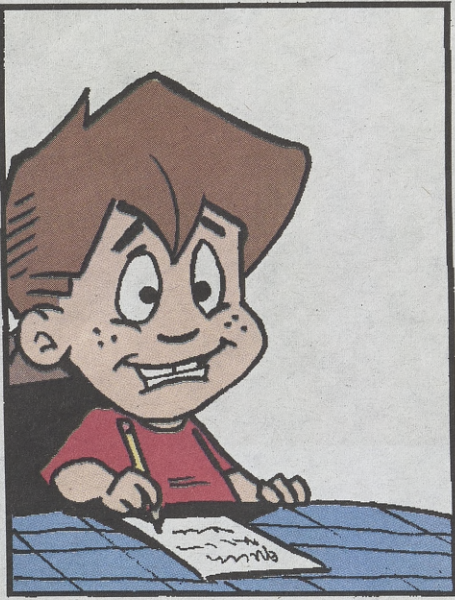
Name of Fee	Current Fee	January 1, 2014
Birth-General Public	\$20.00	\$25.00
Birth-Gov't Agency	\$14.00	\$19.00
Death-Gov't Agency/Gen Public	\$16.00	\$21.00
Fetal Death-Gov't Agency/Gen Public	\$13.00	\$18.00
Marriage-Certified Copy Gen Public	\$14.00	\$15.00
Marriage-Certified Copy Gov't Agency	\$10.00	\$11.00
Permit: Disposition of Human Remains	\$11.00	\$12.00

Lynda Roberts, Mono County Clerk-Recorder

MT13-241(12/13, 12/19, 12/26/2013)



## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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## Birthday Club

The Birthday Club Winner for November 2013 is **Barbara Adair 11/9.**

### Congratulations!

Get your entries in for our December drawing! Good luck to all!

### December 2013

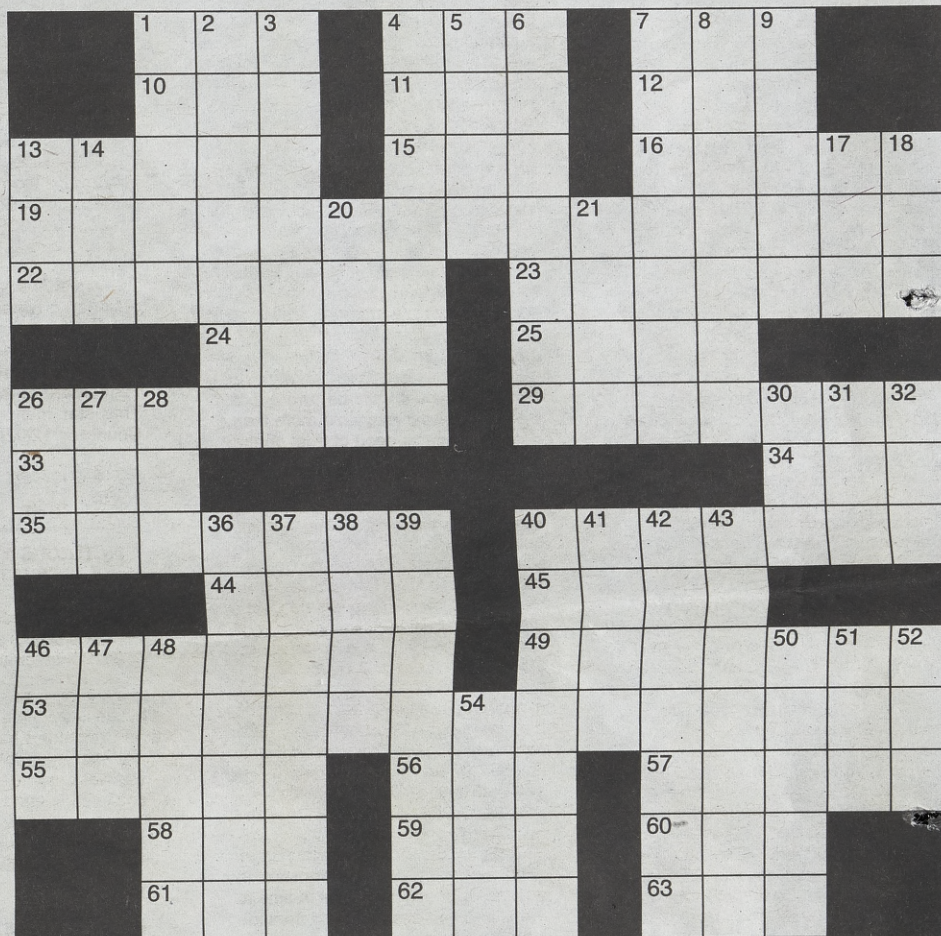
1st - Rick Jali  
1st - Dawn Gould  
1st John Wormhoudt  
4th - Lesley-Anne Hoxie  
4th - Barbara Richter  
7th - Floss Coulter  
10th - Ken Coulter  
11th - Linda Rossier  
11th - Ruby Holland  
13th - Leigh Gaasch  
15th - Kaitlin MacCulloca  
16th - Suzie Butorac  
17th Yolanda Garcia-Lopez  
19th - Fred Richter  
20th - Rhonda Starr  
20th Garritt Wormhoudt  
25th - Debbi Frolove (Stoddard)  
26th - Dave Barlet  
27th - Lisa Holloway

27th - Mary-Ann Schimmel  
29th - Lisa Holloway

Here is your chance to win some prizes just for being born. Enter yourself, family or friends in the Mammoth Times Birthday Club. Call (760) 934-3929 to enter your name or the names of friends or loved ones. Names need to be resubmitted every year. A drawing will be held at the end of each month for that month's birthdays. Winners must claim prizes in person and be prepared to show identification. Thanks to the following local merchants for providing these great prizes:

- One seasonal Happy Birthday bouquet compliments of Red Lily on Center Street in Mammoth Lakes.
- A smoothie in the flavor of your choice from the Java Joint.
- One happy birthday cake from the Vons bakery shop, located in Vons on Old Mammoth Road.

- One delicious complete menu breakfast from the Breakfast Club located at the corner of Hwy 203 and Old Mammoth Road.
- One small, one topping take-n-bake pizza, from Nik-n-Willie's Pizza, located on the corner of Tavern Road and Old Mammoth Road.
- Foot-long meal deal from Subway of Mammoth, located in the Gateway Shopping Center.
- One order of 10 buffalo wings (dine-in only) from John's Pizza Works, located in the Red Rooster Mall on Main Street.
- Two rental videos, out of general stock, from Take 2 Video, located in the Gateway Shopping Center.
- A three-month subscription to the Eastern Sierra's number one newspaper, the Mammoth Times.
- A \$15 gift certificate from Color Me Mine, located in Minaret Village.



### CLUES ACROSS

- Type of health plan
- Atmospheric haze
- A period of time
- Auricle
- Copycat
- Manpower
- Delicate fern genus
- Diego, Francisco or Anselmo
- Zanzibar copal
- Jackie's 2nd husband
- Calcified tooth tissue
- Conjoined twins
- Mythological birds
- This (Spanish)
- Lowest hereditary title
- Pre-transplant plot
- Fiddler crab genus
- Professional legal organization
- Most thick
- Sleeve indicator of mourning
- Far East housemaid
- Hmong
- With three uneven sides

### CLUES DOWN

- Sorli's Tale hero
- A musical master
- Speech
- Swiftest
- Opaque gem
- Origins
- Proceed from a source
- Rechristened
- Liquorice flavored seed
- Small amount
- Mineral aggregate
- Prefix for wrong
- Point midway between E and SE

- A single instance
- French river
- Undeveloped blossom
- One pip domino
- Fled on foot
- Sheep bleat
- One point N of due E
- Father
- A projecting part
- Improved by editing
- Made melodious sounds
- Treatment
- Agreeableness
- Bell sound
- Tennis contests
- Furnace vessels
- Sirius Satellite Radio (abbr.)
- Licensed accountant
- Crude potassium bitartrate
- Insert mark
- Election Stock Market (abbr.)
- A health resort
- So. Am. Indian people

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1	3	2	5	7	4	6	9	8
7	4	9	8	1	6	5	2	3
3	5	4	2	8	7	1	6	9
9	1	8	6	5	3	2	7	4
2	6	7	9	4	1	3	8	5

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

D	I	S	B	A	R	S	I	L	T	E	D		
D	E	C	E	A	S	E	A	W	A	I	T	E	
O	F	C	R	O	S	S	W	O	R	D	M	E	
D	E	N	T	S	E	L	E	D	E	C	O	R	
G	R	U	S	D	A	R	E	S	S	A	T	I	
E	S	M	B	E	L	R	I	B	M				
	E	L	A	N			S	E	R	E	N	E	
S	A	R	O	S			B	E	R	O	S		
E	R	A	S	E			B	E	D	A			
V	A	T		D	A	T	C	A	L	M	I		
E	P	O	S		C	A	R	A	T	H	E	C	
R	A	R	E	R		W	B	N		S	A	N	E
A	H		G	A	R	D	E	N	H	O	E	M	O
L	O	C	A	T	O	R		E	A	R	T	H	E
S	U	R	E	T		S	E	A	S	O	N		

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## SUDOKU

5						7	9	
4		2						
								3
								7
	6		4		5			
	1		6	2	3	5		
		7			4	1		
2			8		1			
	3		5	6				

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